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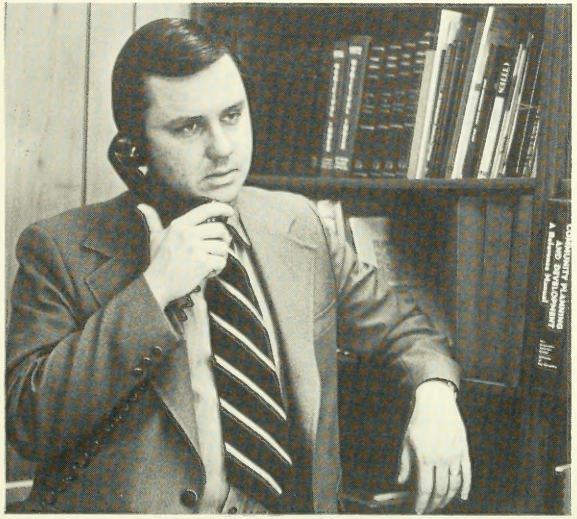
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Building Inspector	Fernand Villeneuve
City Attorney	James Burns
City Clerk	Olivette M. Dumas
City Collector	L. Laurier Rousseau
City Comptroller	Aline Boucher
City Manager	James C. Smith
City Marshal	Alex Dumesnil
City Treasurer	Robert Aulie
Civil Defense Director	Roma Brisson
Community Development Director	Michael Donovan
Director of Public Works and City Engineer	Maurice Wheeler (Acting)
Fire Chief	
Health Officer	Robert Delisle
Housing Inspector	Samuel Allen
Librarian	Inez Hamlin
Overseer of Public Welfare	Maurice Belanger
Recreation Director	Mitchell Berkowitz
Superintendent of Schools	Lawrence W. Dwyer
Superintendent of Water Works	Ernest Tankard



CITY MANAGER
James C. Smith

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

(L to R)

Albert J. Theriault (Ward 4); Thomas A. Fortier (Ward 3); Lionel A. Caron (Ward 4); Herbert Costello (Ward 1); Laurier R. Fortier (Ward 4); Jimmie K. Poore (Ward 3); Mayor Sylvio J. Croteau (seated); John S. Sullivan (Ward 2); Robert A. Olivier (Ward 2); Albert Nadeau (Ward 2); Donald Duquette (Ward 1); Yvonne Coulombe (Ward 1).
Not in photograph: Donald E. Borchers (Ward 3)

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS and CLAIMS — POORE, Caron, Duquette, Nadeau
AIRPORT AUTHORITY — MAYOR CROTEAU, Borchers, Costello, L. Fortier, Sullivan
CIVIL DEFENSE — CARON, Duquette, Olivier, Poore
ELECTION — THERIAULT, Coulombe, Poore, Sullivan
ELECTRIC LIGHTS — L. FORTIER, Costello, T. Fortier, Nadeau
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL — BORCHERS, Coulombe, Poore, Theriault
FINANCE — MAYOR CROTEAU, Borchers, Coulombe, L. Fortier, Olivier
FIRE DEPARTMENT — NADEAU, Caron, Duquette, T. Fortier
HEALTH, EDUCATION and WELFARE — COULOMBE, Borchers, L. Fortier, Olivier
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT — DUQUETTE, Borchers, Caron, Nadeau
PUBLIC BUILDING — T. FORTIER, Duquette, Sullivan, Theriault
PUBLIC WORKS — SULLIVAN, Borchers, Costello, Theriault
RECREATION — COSTELLO, Caron, T. Fortier, Nadeau
TRAFFIC SAFETY, PARKING METER, and ORDINANCE — OLIVIER, Costello, T. Fortier, Theriault

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Telephone Directory

BERLIN DISTRICT COURT, Green St.	752-3132
BERLIN HOUSING AUTHORITY, 10 Granite St.	752-4240
BERLIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, Milan	449-2251
BOARD OF ASSESSORS, City Hall	752-6250
BUILDING INSPECTOR, City Hall	752-1272
CITY ATTORNEY, 206 Main St.	752-3322
CITY CLERK, City Hall	752-2340
CITY ENGINEER, City Hall	752-4450
CITY MANAGER, City Hall	752-7532
CITY TREASURER, City Hall	752-1610
CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICE, City Hall	752-1630
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, City Hall	752-1630
DOG CONSTABLE, 135 Green St.	752-3131
FINANCE DEPARTMENT, City Hall	752-1610
FIRE DEPARTMENT, Main St.	752-3134
HEALTH DEPARTMENT, City Hall	752-1272
HOUSING INSPECTOR, City Hall	752-1272
MAYOR, City Hall	752-2340
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE, City Hall	752-2120
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 135 Green St.	752-3131
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, City Hall	752-1272
PUBLIC LIBRARY, 270 Main St.	752-5210
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	
— OFFICE, City Hall	752-4450
— GARAGE, Wight St.	752-1460
RECREATION DIRECTOR, Green St.	752-2010
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
— BARTLETT SCHOOL, Mt. Forist St.	752-3220
— BROWN SCHOOL, Norway St.	752-1471
— BUS GARAGE, Granite St.	752-1883
— BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, Hillside Ave.	752-6500
— ELEMENTARY COUNSULTANT, School St.	752-5832
— FIFTH-SIXTH GRADES SCHOOL, School St.	752-5832
— FORESTRY FIELD OFFICE, Thompson Farm	752-2002
— JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	
— OFFICE, State St.	752-5311
— BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, Hillside	752-7930
— GUIDANCE OFFICE, State St.	752-7544
— KING SCHOOL, 153 Grafton St.	752-2628
— MARSTON SCHOOL, Pine St.	752-2170
— SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Willard St.	
— OFFICE	752-4122
— GUIDANCE OFFICE	752-4355
— LUNCH SUPERVISOR	752-4060
— NURSE	752-4057
— WELDING SHOP	752-3576
— SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, Hillside Ave.	752-6500
— VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR, Willard St.	752-6112
TAX COLLECTOR, City Hall	752-6350
WATER DEPARTMENT	
— OFFICE, City Hall	752-1677
— If No Answer	752-3131
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— FILTRATION PLANT, W. Milan Rd.	752-2143
— STOREHOUSE, Willow St.	752-3011

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The City That Trees Built

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

DEPARTMENT	HOURS
ASSESSORS	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon, and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. - Fri.) and 7 P.M. - 8 P.M. (Mon.)
CITY CLERK	8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.) and 7 P.M. - 8 P.M. (Mon.)
CITY MANAGER	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. - Fri.)
CIVIL DEFENSE	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon (Mon. & Fri.)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. -Fri.)
FINANCE	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. -Fri.)
HEALTH	8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)
MOTOR VEHICLES	8:30 A.M. - 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)
PUBLIC WORKS	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. -Fri.)
TAX COLLECTION	8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.) and 7 P.M.-8 P.M. (Mon.)
WATER WORKS	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. -Fri.)
WELFARE	8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon and 1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon. - Fri.)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Fred Hayes, Chairman
Clovis Morin
Irene Oleson

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Joseph N. Rozek, Chairman
Jeannine Bosa
Darrill Neal
Larry B. Twitchell
John Vezina

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. E.M. Danais, Chairman
Mrs. Frederick Walker
Philip Tremblay

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Robert Aulie
Raymond Murphy

ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
John Jacobs, Chairman
Oliver Bell
Oliva A. Morneau

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Donald Mangine, Executive Director
Clarence Welch, Chairman
Romeo Blouin
Romeo Boulanger
Albert Drouin
Robert Morin

HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
Roma Brisson
Russell Coulombe
Henry Hachez
Richard Patenaude

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARK AUTHORITY
Mayor Sylvio Croteau, Chairman
James Burns
Herbert Costello
Valmore Doucette
Robert Dumont
Donald Duquette
Robert Olivier
Leo Ouellet
Lawrence Richards
James C. Smith
Robert Theriault

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Nathalie Savchick,
Roberta Blais
Lorraine Rivard

PLANNING BOARD
Leo Ouellet, Chairman
John Bork
Romeo Boulanger
Lee Coulombe
Nicholas Darchik
Richard Patenaude
Mayor Sylvio Croteau
Councilman Jimmie Poore
City Manager James Smith

POLICE COMMISSION
Elmer York, Chairman
Claude Michaud
Joseph Ottolini

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Donald Tilton, Chairman
Donald Bisson
Gus Rooney

WATER COMMISSION
Robert Gagliuso, Chairman
Richard Gunn
Eli Isaacson
Romeo Theriault

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Ernest Guay, Chairman
Norman Cusson
Robert Morton
George Pelchat

APRIL 1975

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		1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. – City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. – Sup't's Office	**2**	**3** **Planning Board** **7 p.m. City Hall**	**4**	**5**
6	**7** Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. – City Hall	**8** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. – City Hall Zoning Board 7 p.m. – City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. – Granite St.	**9**	**10** Water Commission 2 p.m. – City Hall	**11**	**12**
13	**14**	**15** TAX REI DUE Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. – City Hall	**16** Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 – City Hall	**17** Baby Clinic 3 p.m. – City Hall	**18**	**19**
20	**21** NO SCHOOL SPRING VACATION Council Meeting 8 p.m. – City Hall	**22** NO SCHOOL	**23** NO SCHOOL	**24** NO SCHOOL Water Commission 2 p.m. – City Hall Ind. Devel. Committee 7:30 p.m. – City Hall	**25** NO SCHOOL	**26**
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WATER WORKS 752-1677

THE MAYOR'S REPORT

It is with deep concern that I submit the Mayor's report for 1974, a year of hardship for many of our citizens. Rising inflation and a steady decline in the economy affected all of our local businesses in our city. Some of our sources of employment were forced to curtail their operations and lay off many of their employees.

We are very hopeful that 1975 will flourish and improve day by day. The City of Berlin cannot afford a steady unemployment rate of 7% to 9%. We have to seek new sources of employment if we are to prosper and offer the choice to anyone of an opportunity to settle here. Economic development will continue to be our number one priority.

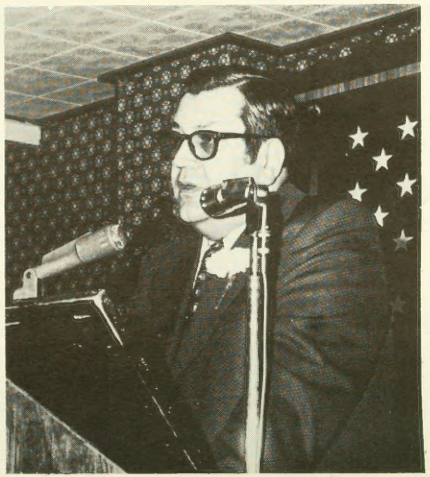
Juvenile delinquency and vandalism follow closely as the second priority. We have observed a rapid increase here in these areas, creating a troublesome situation. Considering the ability and knowledge of our law officers, we will move on with an optimistic view that many of our problems will be handled in a manner beneficial to everyone, and that we will be able to continue to enjoy our friendly community.

The progress and accomplishments of the past year could not have been achieved without the splendid co-operation and devotion of our City Manager, City Council, Department Heads, and the City employees. Countless hours are spent in establishing what we believe to be a good and healthy city. Words cannot express enough my gratitude to the City Manager, Mr. Smith, for the good and sound working arrangement we have had.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and congratulations to the various Boards, Commissions, and Committees for contributing their help and applying their knowledge in making our city government successful.

I am honored to have had the privilege of serving you as Mayor and want to say "Thank You" to all for your co-operation. I look forward to a wonderful year of hard work and a prosperous year for all of our citizens.

Mayor Sylvio J. Croteau



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JOBS AND INDUSTRY

Despite problems in the economy, the City's efforts to increase job opportunities through industrial development showed results in 1974. After long and hard work, the first industrial building was constructed in the City's Maynesboro Industrial Park. One-half of the building is now corporate headquarters and manufacturing space for Granite Business Forms, Inc. The remainder is temporarily leased to Brown Company as warehouse space to enable Brown to maintain the highest possible level of employment in its local operations by stockpiling paper until the current economic situation is reversed and the paper market returns to normal.

The City itself directly located more than 25 new jobs at least temporarily with the co-operation of the Tri-County Manpower Council through the use of emergency employment funds provided by the federal government.

Several of the City's existing industries made improvements to their local facilities in 1974, including Brown Company, EMCA, and Isaacson Structural Steel. Preliminary applications for federal money to aid in the further development of the Industrial Park have been favorably received by federal agencies and one grant has already been received.

TRANSPORTATION

A new bridge across the Androscoggin at the foot of Twelfth Street was constructed under a State contract this year. Although problems were encountered in the construction, the new span is now set for opening in early summer.

Work also began on the creation of an arterial street on the east side of the river with the relocation of Hutchins Street in the Brown Company woodyard area.

Refurbishing of facilities at the Berlin Municipal Airport was a major accomplishment, with improvements made on the landing area, taxiways, hangars, and the administration building. An apartment area was also built for the Airport's fixed base operator to allow 24-hour service.

ANTI-POLLUTION

Much progress was made in furthering the City's sanitary waste disposal project in 1974. A contract was signed with consulting engineers to prepare the final plans and specifications for a new waste water treatment plant.

The City also co-operated with the Berlin Water Authority to enable that body to sign design contracts and receive a grant from the Economic Development Administration to aid in the cost of constructing a new water filtration plant, to be located in the Industrial Park. Design work is expected to be completed in mid-1975 with construction to start later in the year.

RECREATION

Work on the Jericho Lake Recreation Project is now completed, and the Park is scheduled to open on the July 4 weekend. Jericho Lake Park will substantially increase year-round recreational opportunities for all age groups in the City.

Plans have been drawn for the development of Horne Field into a recreational park, and the Recreation Department has also been working with the State and members of the Nansen Ski Club to redevelop the Nansen Ski Jump area as a Nordic Center. In addition to ski jumping, the new center would be a focal point of cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails, complete with a warming hut, and would also include a picnic area and a boat launching ramp on the river for summer use.

HEALTH

A Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program was developed by the Health Department in co-operation with State officials to begin providing sub-professional medical and homemaker assistance without hospitalization for persons in need of such care.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Another step forward for the City was the establishment of a Department of Community Development and the hiring of Berlin's first Community Development Director. The Department is charged with the co-ordination of both the planning and economic development functions of the municipality. In the short time it has been in existence, the Department has generated immediate commitments for nearly one-half million dollars in grants from federal and state agencies.

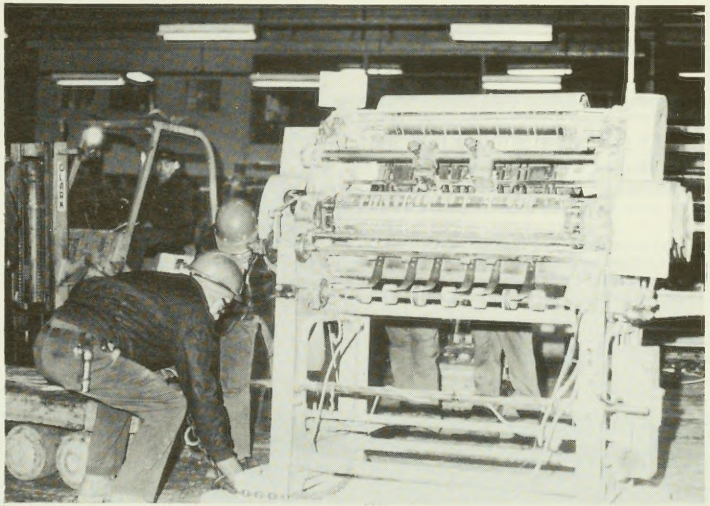
FISCAL SAVINGS

Overall, the City had a good year financially. The budget appropriated by Council for 1974 represented an increase over 1973 that was less than the overall rate of inflation for the year. Nevertheless, the City was able to operate in such a manner that almost every department had some budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Twelfth Street Bridge

Industrial Park Building



New Industry Moving In

Jericho Lake Recreation Area

THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to submit the 1974 Annual Report on the operation of our municipal government. This year's report follows our previous calendar format. However, it has been expanded to include graphs and photos, and a concerted effort has been made to include the dates and times of the regularly scheduled meetings of all of the City's Boards and Commissions, Health Department Clinics, and other important events.

We hope this year's report will make more interesting reading and will promote a greater interest in municipal activities. Citizen interest and active participation are the prime requisities of responsive City government.

Active response to the needs of the City and its residents has been the primary goal of my first full year as your City Manager. Though it was a difficult financial period, 1974 was a very active year for the municipality. In many areas we were able to move forward from beginnings made in 1973, and some new programs, projects, and equipment helped us to better respond to the needs of the people.

Nineteen seventy-four was also the year of the great energy crunch, which brought an increasing awareness of the need to expend our limited resources for only the most necessary activities. Some programs and activities which consumed large amounts of energy but were not essential, such as city-wide snow removal and sidewalk plowing, were curtailed. With scarcities of energy sources and substantial price increases for energy, it is probable that our entire outlook on essential municipal activities has been permanently altered.

Economics continues to be the most serious perceived problem of the City. Bold efforts were made in the past year to improve the local economy and provide increased job opportunities. Following a long effort and hard work by many people, we succeeded in constructing the first industrial building in the City's Maynesboro Industrial Park. The building is now fully occupied, and we will need to construct more buildings in the future in order to attract additional industries.

Certain physical improvements are also necessary in order for Berlin to remain an economically and socially viable community, including a water filtration plant, a new sanitary waste disposal system and an improved transportation network. We achieved progress in these areas in 1974 and work will continue in the coming years. For a more detailed discussion of these developments, along with developments in efforts to improve the local economy, I refer you to other sections of the Report, particularly those on ACCOMPLISHMENTS and PLANS AND CHALLENGES.

In other areas, one department of the city government which has operated quietly and efficiently and yet has undergone a tremendous increase in workload and responsibilities is the Health Department. The City's Public Health Nurses are now performing much diagnostic testing and treatment under a doctor's direction in the patient's home. The expansion of the Medicare and Medicaid programs has also resulted in additional health care activity and paper work.

The impact of the Housing and Community Assistance Act of 1974 upon the Department's Code Enforcement Division, which is responsible for both building and housing inspections, is yet to be fully realized. Implementation of this new law, also known as the Community Development Block Grant Program, will mean new responsibilities as well as some additional resources.

The Public Works Department had a very successful year in 1974 under the leadership of Maurice Wheeler, Acting Director since the retirement of former City Engineer Clarence Brungot. The Department obtained four major pieces of new equipment, including a heavy-duty, diesel-powered, four wheel drive snow plow, a new heavy-duty four wheel loader which also doubles as a snow plow, a heavy-duty, diesel-powered dump truck, and a high-pressure sewer cleaning machine. All of these will contribute significantly to improving productivity in the Department and reducing maintenance costs.

The Recreation Department has also been busy. Mitch Berkowitz was appointed Recreation Director in March, 1974, and brought a new vitality to the Department. In addition to the Jericho Lake Park, Horne Field, and Nansen Nordic Center projects, which are discussed elsewhere in this Report, many new recreation programs have been instituted in City parks and playgrounds, at the Recreation Center, and, in co-operation with the School Department, in the Burgess School gymnasium.

January, 1975, the last month of Fiscal Year 1974, saw the establishment of a Department of Community Development and the hiring of Michael Donovan as Berlin's first Community Development Director. The Department is charged with the co-ordination of both the planning and economic development functions of the municipality. In the short time it has been in existence, the Department has generated immediate commitments for nearly one-half million dollars in grants from various federal and state agencies. Longer term commitments have been received for approximately one-half million dollars in additional funds to subsidize improvement loans for substandard housing, assist in the revitalization of the downtown area, and aid in industrial development efforts.

In addition to Mr. Berkowitz and Mr. Donovan, who are new faces at City Hall, Miss Olivette Dumas assumed the position of City Clerk after the retirement in early 1974 of former City Clerk Rosa Jutras, a dedicated and long-time public servant. Miss Elaine Roy was appointed Deputy City Clerk. Both of these individuals have been performing their duties very capably.

Mr. Robert Aulie was appointed City Treasurer during 1974. His financial advice and investment strategies have significantly improved the City's ability to put cash which has been collected but which is not yet needed for the payment of bills to work earning additional money for the City.

Two new vacancies will be created in the ranks of department leaders in 1975. Fire Chief Lucien Lamontagne and City Marshal Alex Dumesnil have indicated their intentions to hang up their respective hats. These two men have performed long and invaluable service as public servants, working their way from the very lowest to the very highest positions in their respective professions. As citizens we all owe them a sincere debt of gratitude for protecting our safety for many years.

During 1974, the City successfully sought and received federal funding assistance for several capital improvements. Grants were also obtained to help the Police Department in its work – for the purchase of a new emergency ambulance, for equipment, and for training within the Department.

Many types of federal assistance are available to those communities which have the ability to develop programs acceptable to the various federal agencies. However, in obtaining federal assistance we have been careful not to forget that federal grants often require matching shares and almost always require expenditures for operations and maintenance in the future which must be borne by the municipality. We have endeavored in every aspect to plan programs based on need and the City's financial capability.

Similarly, all equipment expenditures should be made in light of total cost over the life of the equipment. We have tried to do this by purchasing heavy-duty equipment, recognizing a higher initial cost but also looking ahead to increased productivity and lower operating and maintenance costs. Along the same lines, renovations have been made to municipal buildings, which required initial expenditures but which will save on heating and lighting costs in the long run and will increase productivity through improved work flows.

I am convinced that this approach is essential, and it has already begun to show some results. Too many times in the past we have taken a short-run approach, hoping that the funds to do the job properly will somehow be available in the future. Berlin's static tax base and the spiraling cost of almost everything have shown us that now is the time when priorities must be set so that necessary expenditures can be made based on long-run total costs.

One final word on savings is in order. The budget appropriated by the City Council for Fiscal Year 1974 represented an increase over 1973 that was less than the overall rate of inflation for the year. Nonetheless, the City was able to operate in such a manner that almost every department had some budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year. I believe this represents an outstanding achievement by the individuals who operate the various departments, as well as an indication of the diligence with which the Mayor and Council approach their responsibilities as watchdogs over municipal operations.

James C. Smith
City Manager

MAY 1975

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				1 Dog License Deadline Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**2**	**3**
4	**5** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**6** Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. — Sup't's Office	**7**	**8** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall	**9**	**10**
11 MOTHER'S DAY	**12**	**13** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. — City Hall Zoning Borad 7 p.m. — City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. — Granite St.	**14** Pediatric Cardiac Clinic 9 a.m. — A.V. Hospital	**15** Crippled Children Clinic 9 a.m. — A.V. Hospital Baby Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall	**16**	**17** ARMED FORCES DAY
18	**19** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**20** Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall	**21** Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 — City Hall	**22** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall Ind. Dev. Committee 7:30 p.m. — City Hall	**23**	**24**
25 TRINITY SUNDAY	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29** Friday Garbage Collection Today	**30** NO SCHOOL CITY HALL CLOSED	**31**

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ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a summary inventory of taxable property in the City of Berlin for the year 1974:

Real Estate – Land and Buildings		$43,705,900.00
Factory Buildings		14,149,840.00
Electric Plants		9,126,500.00
Boats and Launches		37,320.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		$67,019,560.00
Less: Blind Exemptions	$ 25,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions	852,310.00	
	$877,310.00	
Net Total Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		$65,619,040.00

1974 Taxes Committed to Collector

Tax Rate: $58.00 Per Thousand

Property Taxes	$ 3,836,250.50
Resident Taxes	79,510.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,270.92

Jeopardy Warrant

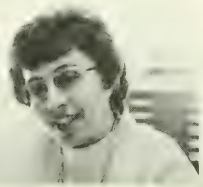
Property Taxes	225.62

Special Warrant

Property Taxes	339.30

Yield Tax Warrant

City of Berlin	2,020.44
State of New Hampshire	404.09
	$ 2,424.53



BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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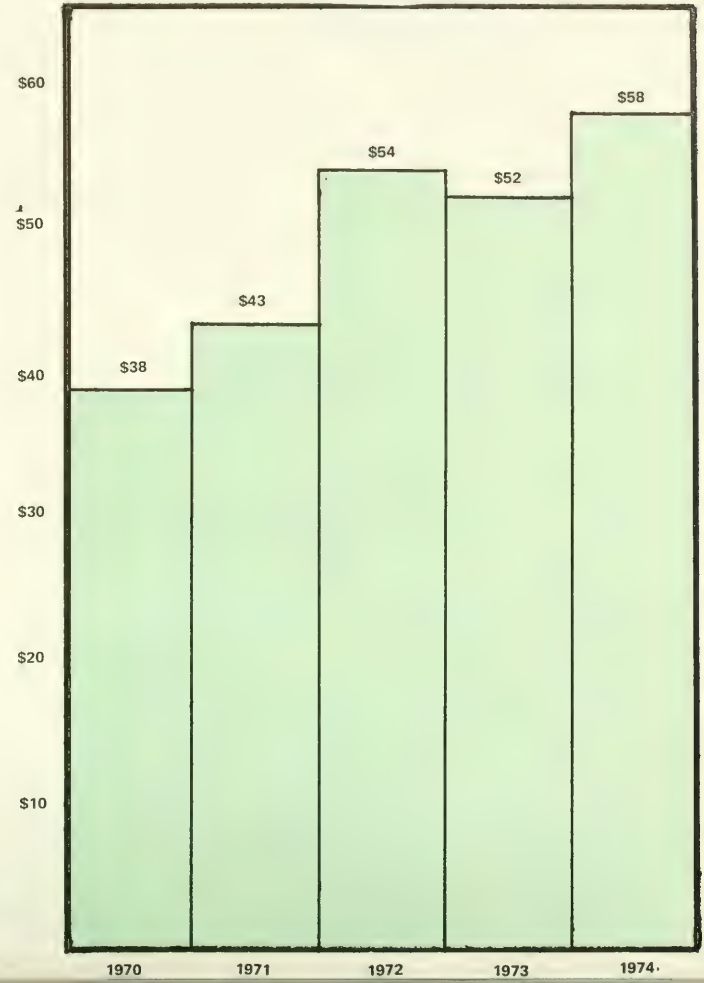
TAX RATE PER $1,000 VALUATION FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS



PIE GRAPH OF 1974 APPROPRIATIONS BY BUDGET CATEGORY

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

I herewith submit my report as City Clerk for the year ending January 31, 1975.

The office of the City Clerk is responsible for the performance of a number of duties, including: Filing all financing statements; processing termination statements; recording vital statistics; issuing marriage licenses; giving copies of birth certificates to parents; sending copies of all vital statistics to Concord; acting as Clerk of the City Council; recording minutes of all Council meetings; filing all communications, petitions, etc.; issuing permits for the registration of cars, trucks and trailers; selling cemetery lots and recording cemetery deeds; issuing orders for digging graves; issuing dog licenses; collecting for taxi drivers' permits; issuing taxi permits, pool table permits, and theater licenses; acting as Agent for the Fish and Game Department; and scheduling the rental of municipal halls.

During the past fiscal year, the office of the City Clerk handled the following totals of statements and permits:

Financing statements filed and indexed	478
Termination statements processed	100
Permits issued for registration of motor vehicles	8802
Dog licenses issued	685

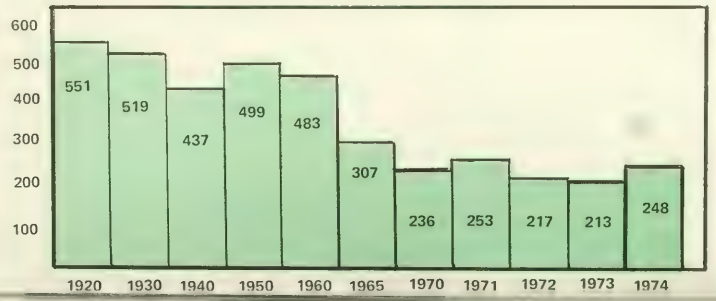
The following tabulations show the listings of marriages, births, and deaths as recorded during the past five years:

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Marriages	160	150	167	158	166
Births	236	253	217	213	248
Deaths	190	176	160	164	149

Respectfully yours,

Olivette M. Dumas
City Clerk

BIRTHS PER YEAR IN BERLIN



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes to be Collected:

Property Taxes	$3,836,250.50
Resident Taxes	79,510.00
National Bank Stock	1,270.53
Yield Taxes	2,424.53
Jeopardy Taxes & Warrants	225.62
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	682.89
Special Warrants	339.30
Uncollected Resident Taxes	500.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	285.00
	$3,921,488.37

Collections Remitted to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	$3,565,590.88
Resident Taxes	62,330.00
National Bank Stock	1,270.53
Yield Taxes	1,723.91
Jeopardy Taxes	225.62
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	682.89
Special Warrants	339.30
Uncollected Resident Taxes	500.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	285.00
Abatements	1,741.16
War Veterans Exemptions	56,387.40
Resident Tax Abatement	670.00
Property Tax Refund	166.69
	$3,691,913.38

Summary of Uncollected Taxes, 1974:

Property Taxes	$ 212,364.37
Resident Taxes	16,510.00
Yield Taxes	700.62
	$ 229,574.99

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Rousseau
Collector of Taxes

JUNE 1975

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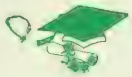
1	**2** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**3**  Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. — Sup't's Office	**4**	**5** Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**6**	**7**
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15 FATHER'S DAY	**16** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**17** Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall	**18** START OF SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 — City Hall	**19** Baby Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall	**20**	**21**
22 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall Ind. Dev. Committee 7:30 p.m. — City Hall	**27**	**28**
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EMERGENCY CALL
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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The function of the Police Department is to prevent crime, and to apprehend those suspected of having committed criminal acts and bring them before the courts. This department is also charged with enforcement of the laws and ordinances of the City, and control of traffic. The department also operates an emergency ambulance service.

Some of the departmental activities during the year included:

Complaints Investigated	1054
Escorts — Banks, Post Office, etc.	792
Auto Accidents Investigated	601
Ambulance Calls	557
Doors Unlocked — Owner Notified	437
Dog Complaints	150
Railroad Cars Checked	143
Escorts — Equipment	141
Animal Calls	91
Assistance Given	61
Dogs to Pound	48
Emergency Blood Runs	18
Messages Delivered	18
Deaths Investigated	7
Fires Reported	5

INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES

Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	412
Malicious Damage	247
Larceny	137
Driving While Intoxicated	115
Burglary — Breaking & Entering	71
Drugs	58
Disorderly Conduct	54
Drunkenness	46
Assault	32
Violation of Liquor Laws	12
Auto Theft	9
Forgery & Fraud	3
All Others	34

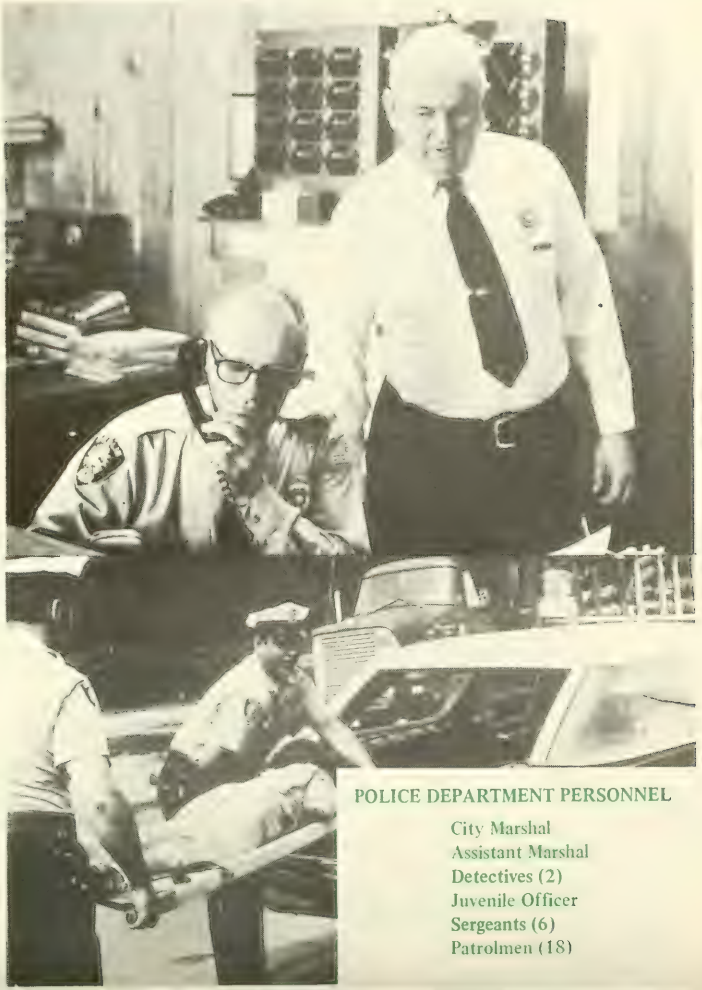
ARRESTS

Total Traffic Arrests, Including Summons	677
All Other Arrests, Held For Prosecution	267

Elmer H. York, Chairman
Claude L. Michaud
Joseph J. Ottolini

Police Commissioners

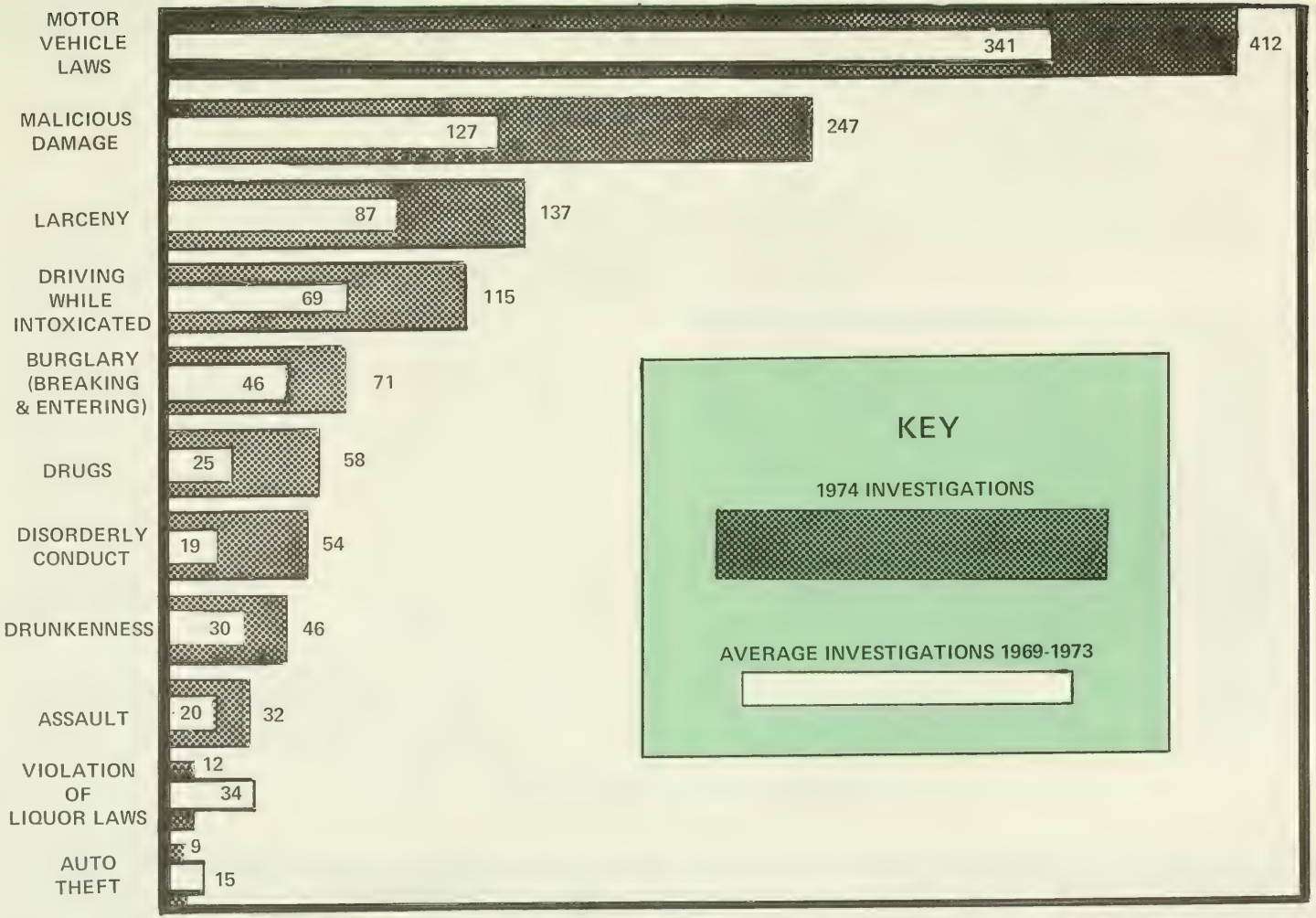
Alex M. Dumesnil
City Marshal



POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

City Marshal
Assistant Marshal
Detectives (2)
Juvenile Officer
Sergeants (6)
Patrolmen (18)

INCREASE IN
POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME INVESTIGATIONS



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

TABULATION OF FIRE CALLS FOR 1974

MONTH	DWELLINGS	CARS & TRUCKS	STORES	MILLS	GARAGES	BRUSH & DUMPS	FALSE	PRANK CALLS	TRAINING	MISC.*	MONTHLY TOTALS
Jan.	15	4	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	7	35
Feb.	8	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	17
March	8	2	4	1	0	10	0	1	6	9	41
April	4	3	2	1	0	6	9	1	19	12	57
May	11	1	1	1	1	11	6	4	8	11	57
June	4	5	1	1	0	8	8	2	12	10	51
July	5	4	2	5	4	1	10	1	7	7	46
Aug.	5	4	1	7	0	3	8	4	3	7	42
Sept.	3	2	0	0	2	0	7	3	6	10	33
Oct.	10	6	1	2	1	26	19	3	7	11	86
Nov.	13	6	1	0	0	7	5	3	1	10	46
Dec.	13	2	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	4	27
TOTALS	99	41	15	25	11	74	79	23	69	102	538

* Includes rescues, lock outs, assisting other departments, and school fire drills.

Other Fire Department activities included: Oil burner inspections; placing stickers on doors and windows of invalid homes; inspecting foster homes; and making building inspections in co-operation with the Health Department.

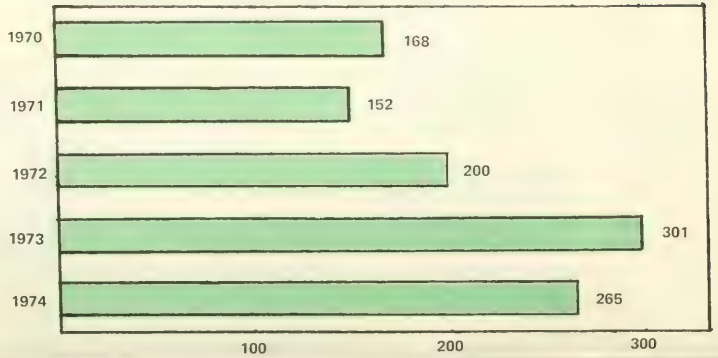
Besides the Apparatus Training listed above, regular training sessions were held covering all aspects of fire fighting. Training manuals were purchased from the International Fire Service Training Association.

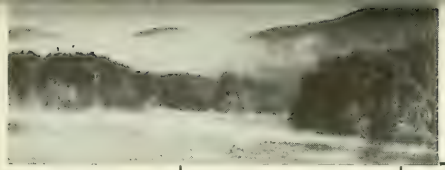
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief
Assistants (3)
Captains (3)
Firefighters (18)
Electricians (3)
Call Men (27)

Total Number of Fires During the Past Five Years

(Includes dwellings, motor vehicles, stores, mills, garages, brush and dumps)





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		1 Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. — Sup't's Office — 1829 — Town of Berlin Incorporated	**2**	**3** Friday Garbage Collection Today Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**4** INDEPENDENCE DAY City Hall Closed	**5**
6	**7** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**8** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. — City Hall Zoning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. — Granite St.	**9**	**10** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall	**11**	**12**
13	**14**	**15** Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall	**16** Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 — City Hall	**17** Crippled Children Clinic 9 a.m. - A.V. Hospital Baby Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall	**18**	**19**
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RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

During the past year the Recreation and Parks Department made some important changes. A new director was appointed, and a redefining of the department's purpose and goals resulted in our new name: Berlin Recreation and Parks Department.

Our ability to serve the citizens of Berlin was improved through the Federal Employment Program, which added a full-time secretary, program supervisor and two additional maintenance men to the staff. The variety of programs was increased with some new activities, including the Special Olympics, Spring Break Activities, Spring Is Fun Day, girls' softball, the Berlin Community Gardens, the Babe Ruth Program, women's broom hockey, girls' biddy basketball, the businessman's fitness hour, potting and planting classes, boys' weight training program, youth stamp and coin club, chess club, men's volleyball, and the adult sports nights. These, in addition to our other regular programs, met with great acceptance and attendance. Over 400 boys and 200 adults participated in the various hockey programs and Square Dance programs.

The summer brought back the ever popular Little League and Farm League programs, which had over 250 ball players and many adult volunteer assistants. This year, the Babe Ruth program had a very successful summer with 60 boys and 25 adults participating. There were a tremendous number of spectator supporters at each of the Babe Ruth games, which encouraged this program.

During the summer playgrounds, a staff of newcomers developed weekly themes to correspond to the total summer theme: "Make Your Summer Shine - Combine Your Ideas With Mine: An Adventure In Recreation." Eight weekly special events involved all of our playgrounds, and additional activities such as our Moose Brook trips, the Little Red Wagon, the Patchwork Players from the Weathervane Theatre, the trip to Storyland, and the overnight bike-hike encouraged many youth programs in which youngsters participated.

Bocce and tennis were well received and the tennis tournament included a field of 75 players.

The fall hiking club ventured four hikes this year through the White Mt. National Forest and the new Jericho Park off Rte. 110.

The chess club and stamp and coin club involved a smaller number of youths and adults than expected, but they are still active.

The figure skating program was outstanding in terms of the qualified instructors and the 140-plus participants. To help promote figure skating, three circular rinks were constructed in addition to the six hockey rinks. We announced that all square rinks were designated for hockey only, while circular rinks were restricted to figure skating only. These were well received and parents helped to supervise day-to-day use.

Lack of snow has reduced the operation of the ski area, but when operated we averaged over 30 persons per day and Saturday morning ski instruction classes for all beginners included about 25 skiers.

Again this year we held the youth hockey instruction classes. The staff of instructors involved many of their students in our Saturday morning games to allow each student a better opportunity to learn the fundamentals of hockey.

During the past year the Recreation and Parks Commissioners and the Director embarked upon establishing a Recreation Plan to inventory existing recreation opportunities and designate the areas in which future improvements should be made. This plan was given to the City Council in December and is already being utilized by this department as a checklist for development of new leisure opportunities.

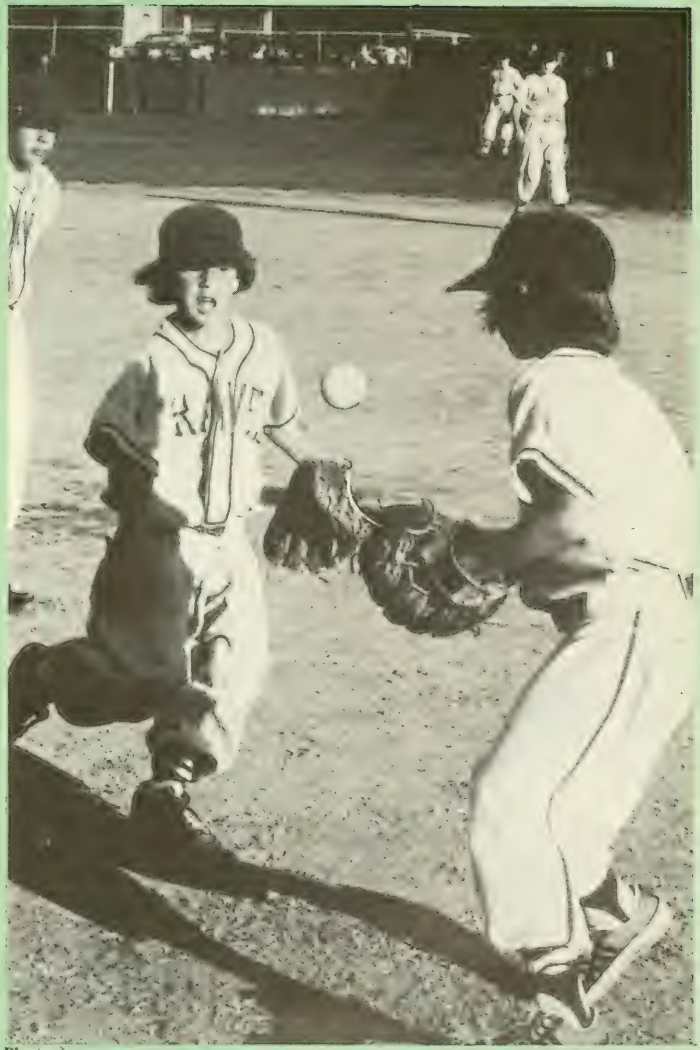
Through the expanded use of all news media, we were able to keep citizens better informed about the recreation programs available.

It is our intention to keep improving the quality of services we render while cooperating with each community department and agency. This is indicated by the opening of the Burgess School gym to weekly evening recreation activities. Through coordination of the building maintenance and gym use schedules, we were able to use the gym at a minimal cost to both departments.

In conclusion, the Recreation and Parks Department Commissioners and our staff appreciate the support of all the City departments, organizations and the people of Berlin and look forward to their continued support throughout the year.

RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTOR
Mitchell A. Berkowitz

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS
Don Tilton, Chairman
Gus Rooney
Don Bisson



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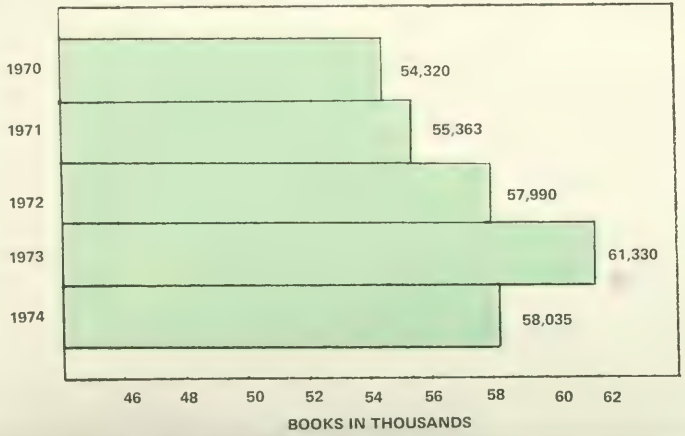

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Statistics, as of Jan. 1, 1975

CATEGORY	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Fiction	20,591	14,998	35,589
Philosophy	822	208	1,030
Religion	316	241	557
Social Science	1,290	631	1,921
Philology	53	80	133
Natural Science	473	1,492	1,965
Useful Science	1,957	1,152	3,109
Fine Arts	1,896	1,378	3,274
Literature	1,180	344	1,524
French	159	0	159
History	1,013	518	1,531
Travels	433	179	612
Biography	1,260	703	1,963
General	312	290	602
Periodicals	3,116	293	3,409
Records	657	0	657
TOTAL	35,528	22,507	58,035

Accessions, Registrations, etc.

Number of volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1974	38,125
Number of volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1973	37,063
Number of volumes purchased in 1974	1,725
Number of books lost or discarded	663
Borrowers' cards in Library, Dec. 31, 1974:	
– Adult	6,952
– Juvenile	3,443
Withdrawn non-active cards	522
Transfers from Juvenile Department	171
Out-of-town registrations	2
New registrations, Adult	373
New registrations, Juvenile	282
Gifts:	
– Paperbacks	550
– Hard cover	59
Books mended	327
Books borrowed from State Library	401
Films borrowed from State Library	11
Records borrowed from State Library	1
Bookmobile	17

Inez Hamlin,
Librarian

Board of Trustees

Roberta Blais
Nathalie Savchick
Lorraine Rivard

AUGUST 1975

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

INSPECTION SERVICE OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Samples Collected for Water Analysis	250
Dairies Inspected	4
Restaurants Inspected	35
Markets Inspected	37
Nuisances Inspected	75

MEDICAL-CLINICAL SERVICES

Number of office patients	827
Number of office visits	1655

IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN DURING THE YEAR

Polio Vaccine (clinics & school)	555
D.T.P. Injections	540
Rubella Vaccine	11
Combined Measles Vaccine	104
Mumps Vaccine	119
M M R Vaccine	30
Flu Shots	102
T. B. Skin Tests	267
T. B. Mantoux Tests	16

SPECIAL SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAMS

Audiometer Tests	1049
Orthorater Tests	1
T. B. Heaf Tests	41

CLINIC ATTENDANCE RECORD

Baby	269
Pre-School	555
Orthopedic	124
Diabetes Detection	1133
Diabetes Retest	71
Cardiac	18
Pap Test and Breast Examination	66
Pre-School Vision/Hearing Screening Clinic	62

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Number of Home Nursing Visits	3389
Number of Home Nursing Patients	1240
Number of Physical Therapist Visits	54
Number of School Nursing Visits	275
Number of First Grade Examinations	79
Number of Student Inspections	1013
Number of Home Visits	0
Number of Children Referred to State Social Agencies	25
Number of Adults Referred to State Social Agencies	12
Number of Defects Found at School	457

ROBERT A. DELISLE
Health Officer

BOARD OF HEALTH
EDOUARD M. DANAIS, M. D.
WILLIAM H. BARRETT
KATHERINE D. WALKER

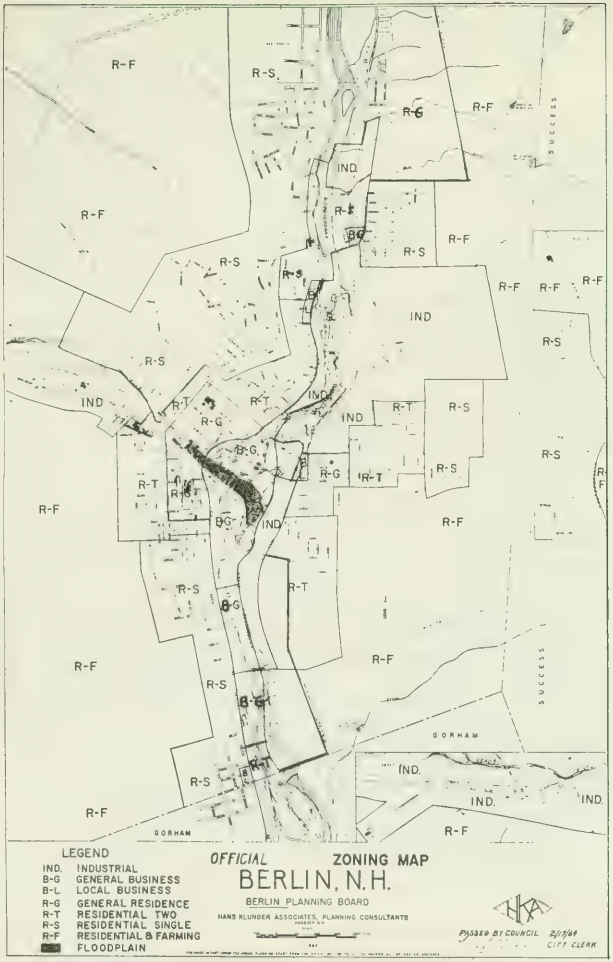
REPORT OF HOUSING INSPECTOR

The following is a breakdown of actual inspections during fiscal 1974.

Housing inspected	779
Structures inspected	481
Units inspected	1087
Additional inspections due to complaints	12
Violations found	33
Violations not corrected	13
Violations corrected	20
Structures demolished	23
Court cases	0
Warrants obtained	0
Rooms in rooming houses inspected	143
Miscellaneous inspections (Health Department)	16
Housing Board of Appeals hearings	0
Buildings needing rehabilitation	37
Total Housing Inspected since October 1972	1518
Total Units Inspected since October 1972	2255
Total Structures inspected since October 1972	781
Total Violations found since October 1972	103
Total Violations corrected since October 1972	90
Total Houses and structures demolished since October 1972	41
Total entry refusals since October 1972	2

SAMUEL P. ALLEN, Sr.

ZONING MAP



Those interested should consult the Official Zoning Map located in the Building Inspector's office in City Hall for all revisions in zoning boundaries.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

PERMITS ISSUED

No.	Type	Estimated Cost
30	New Homes	$ 654,656.
11	Mobile Home (office trailers)	-------
32	Garages, Carports & Storage Sheds	76,454.
101	Residential Alterations	248,967.
50	Residential Additions	77,358.
41	Residential Demolitions	37,975.
4	Commercial Buildings	2,737,000.
2	Commercial Additions	21,000.
11	Commercial Alterations	283,700.
5	Industrial Buildings	503,000.
2	Industrial Additions	20,000.
1	Industrial Demolitions	127,000.
59	Siding	148,260.
17	Signs	23,540.
12	Swimming Pools	31,490.
33	Plumbing	No Stated Value
222	Electrical	No Stated Value
12	Use Permits Issued	No Stated Value
644	**TOTAL**	$4,990,400.

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD

Public Hearing Held	10
Appeals Filed	31
Variances Granted	22
Special Exceptions Granted	1
Appeals Withdrawn	1

ZONING BOARD

Ernest Guay, Chairman
Norman Cusson
Robert Morton
George Pelchat
Richard Sirois

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

In recognition of the importance of the Berlin Municipal Airport in the City's efforts to attract new industries to the area, the Berlin Airport Authority continued in its efforts to improve facilities during the past year.

With the aid of U.S. Economic Development Administration funds, the following improvements were made:

- Paving a new taxiway to the hangers.
- Doubling the size of the runway aprons.
- Clearing safety zones of brush.
- Rewiring one hazard beacon and clearing brush around another.
- Putting a new door on the public hangar as part of a winterizing and security program.
- Building living quarters for the fixed-base operator above the terminal building.

A highlight of the past year was the Air Show in June, which featured daredevil flying by some of the best stunt pilots in the East and attracted several thousand people. Approximately 200 aircraft arrived for the show, and they were parked wingtip to wingtip extending along the length of the runway.

The Airport is now served by a full-time fixed base operator, who is a licensed A and P mechanic. In addition, the Airport houses a flight school taught by a licensed flying instructor and a Jump Club which provides instruction in parachute jumping.

The runway is 5,006 feet in length and 150 feet in width and can handle aircraft up to the Gulf Stream class. Navigation aids include a VOR located three miles NNE of the runway and a Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) on the airport. In addition, the facilities include medium intensity runway lights (MIRL's), a double set of two-bar VASI's on the runway, and a set of REIL's. There are seven hazard beacons in the area.

The Airport Authority has arranged for a master plan study to be made at the airport this summer. The Federal Aviation Administration contributes two-thirds of the cost of the study, which will focus on making the airport more useful for existing and prospective industries in the area.

Berlin Airport Authority
Mayor Sylvio Croteau, Chairman
Herbert Costello, Sec.-Treas.
Donald Borchers
Laurier Fortier
John Sullivan

Dave Piche
Fixed Base Operator

SEPTEMBER 1973

AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CITY HALL CLOSED LABOR DAY – 1829 – First Town Meeting	**2** BACK TO SCHOOL Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. – City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. – Sup't's Office Council Meeting 8 p.m. – City Hall	**3** Monday Garbage Collection Today	**4** Planning Board 7 p.m. – City Hall	**5**	**6** ROSH HASHANAH
7	**8**	**9** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. – City Hall Zoning Board 7 p.m. – City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. – Granite St.	**10**	**11** Water Commission 2 p.m. – City Hall	**12**	**13**
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21	**22**	**23** FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	**24**	**25** Water Commission 2 p.m. – City Hall Industrial Development Committee 7:30 p.m. – City Hall	**26**	**27**
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REPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ENROLLMENT

(As of February 1, 1975)

Grade	Students
Kdgn.	184
1	147
2	121
3	126
4	122
5	156
6	146
7	168
8	206
9	304
10	328
11	308
12	332
Spec. Ed.	13
TOTAL	2,661

*Totals do not include 105 students in grade 7 and 99 in grade 8 in the Catholic Junior High Child Benefit Services program.

PERSONNEL (1974-1975 School Year)

Superintendent of Schools
Business Manager
Senior High Principal
Junior High Principal
Senior High Assistant Principal
Junior High Assistant Principal
Guidance Director
Vocational Director
Music Director
Elementary Consultant
Nurses (3)
Guidance Counselors (3)
Guidance Consultant
Librarians (2)
Teachers (142)
Secretaries — Full-Time (9)
Secretaries — Part-Time (3)
Bus Supervisor
Bus Driver — Full-Time (1)
Bus Drivers — Part-Time (8)
Child Benefit Teacher
Shared Services Teachers (3)
Alternative Education Teachers (2)

Custodial Staff

Foreman
Assistant Foreman
Custodians (14)

Cafeteria Staff

Manager
Cooks (7)
Helpers — Full-Time (18)
Helpers — Part-Time (2)

Title I Program

Consultants (3)
Teacher Aides (17)
Secretary

Bi-Lingual Program

Director
Teachers (3)
Aides (3)
Secretary

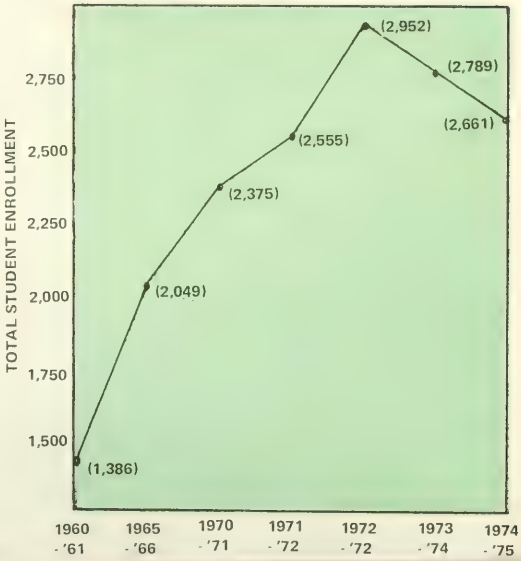
A total of 262 people; 248 full-time and 14 part-time.

Lawrence Dwyer,
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education

Joseph N. Rozek, Chairman
Jeannine Bosa
Darrel Neal
Larry B. Twitchell
John Vezina

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



NO SCHOOL DAYS

The procedure for announcing no school days remains unchanged and is as follows: When the weather is bad and school is in attendance parents are urged to use their own judgment concerning sending their children to school. The local radio stations will be used for important school notices.

OUT-OF-TOWN TUITION RATES

(1975-1976 School Year)

Senior High	$1,024.81
Junior High	990.76
Elementary	940.35

BERLIN SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1975-1976

SEPTEMBER

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(21 School Days)

OCTOBER

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(22 School Days)

NOVEMBER

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(17 School Days)

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(15 School Days)

JANUARY

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(20 School Days)

FEBRUARY

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(15 School Days)

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(23 School Days)

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(17 School Days)

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(20 School Days)

JUNE

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(12 School Days)

(Total of 182 School Days)

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

August 29. . . . . Orientation
September 1 . . . . . Labor Day
September 2. . . . . Workshop Day
October 17. . . . . Teachers' Convention
November 11 . . . . . Veterans' Day
November 27-28. . . . . Thanksgiving Recess
December 22 - January 2 . . Christmas Vacation
February 23-27. . . . . Winter Vacation
April 29-23. . . . . Spring Vacation
May 31. . . . . Memorial Day
June 15 . . . . . Last Day of School
June 16 . . . . . Schools Close - Teachers Only

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Snow Days. . . . . February 23, 24
April 19, 20

BERLIN DISTRICT COURT

LUCIEN A. FORTIER

JURISDICTION

The Berlin District Court consists of the City of Berlin and the Towns of Milan, Dummer, and the unincorporated Townships of Cambridge and Success.

SESSIONS

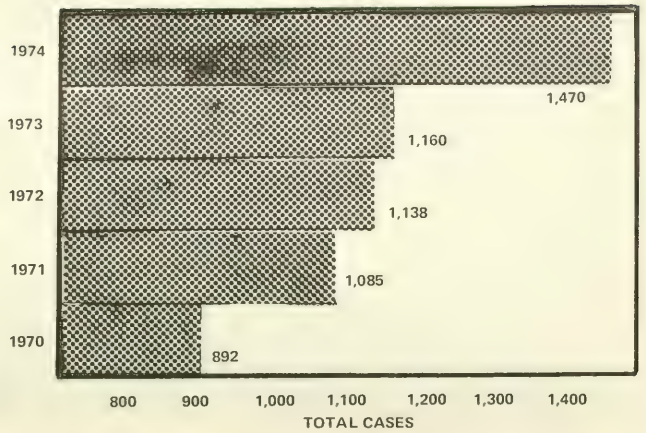
Regular sessions are held at 9:00 a.m., five days a week in the District Court Room over the Police Station on Green Street.

Jean L. Blais – Justice
George H. Keough – Special Justice

STATISTICS ON WORK OF THE DISTRICT COURT FOR 1974

Total Cases	1470
Total Criminal Cases	1167
Felonies	48
Misdemeanors	432
Violations	687
Drunkenness	34
Parking & Local Ordinances	81
State Motor Vehicle Laws	672
Respondent Pleaded Not Guilty	258
Respondent Found Not Guilty	52
Nol Pros	49
Appealed	24
Juvenile Cases	50
Small Claims & Civil Cases	253

TOTAL COURT CASES, 1970-1974



OCTOBER 1975

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19	20 Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	21 Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall	22	23 Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall Industrial Development Committee 7:30 p.m. — City Hall	24 UNITED NATIONS DAY	25
26 — 1826 — First Child of Settlers Born	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	

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BERLIN HOUSING AUTHORITY

URBAN RENEWAL

Redevelopment of the Cole Street area continued during 1974. On November 14th the Dead River Park was completed and dedicated to the City. Major work items in the park construction contract included repair and/or replacement of the river channel walls; cleanup of the river bed from the railroad trestle to Cole Street; installation of fencing and handrail; loaming, seeding, and tree planting; installation of play equipment and walkways; repair and repainting of the pedestrian bridge opposite Off York Street; and installation of an ornamental walkway and play-area lighting system.

On October 10, construction of the Salvation Army's Community Center on parcel R-2 began. It is expected that the 6,500 square foot masonry building being built mainly with contributions from the Berlin area will be ready for occupancy by April 30, 1975.

Parcels remaining to be redeveloped are P-2 (public parking), S-2 (New Granite Street), R-3 (residential) and C-2 (commercial). (See the Status of Redevelopment Map below.)

It is expected that the City will purchase, pave, line, and landscape P-2 in the spring.

Based on the several meetings the Authority has had with the New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways over the past year, it appears that new Granite Street (parcel S-2) will not span the Dead River as originally planned but rather will run only from Green Street to the northeasterly entrance drive of the Authority's Parkside Apartments complex. If this alternative course of action is followed, it is planned to enlarge parcel R-3 by adding to it that portion of S-2 which abuts it.

Due to an inability to secure financing on acceptable terms, the private party who proposed to redevelop C-2 was forced to abandon his plans for the construction of a multi-story motor inn on the parcel in 1974, a year of historically high interest rates, spiraling construction costs, and soaring energy prices.

The Authority on January 28, 1975 received a preliminary proposal from BART, Inc., a local development group, to redevelop C-2 with: (1) Elevatored buildings on either side of the Dead River channel and (2) a landscaped plaza area adjacent to said channel.

More specifically, BART's redevelopment concept provides that the high-rise building to be located on the northeasterly side of the river would contain apartments to be made available to lower-income older persons through the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program, ground level commercial space, and parking facilities, while the land southwesterly of the river would be developed with a motor inn, additional commercial space, and on-site parking facilities. At this writing, negotiations between BART and the Authority are continuing.

On August 22nd, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 was signed into law. This act consolidates a number of categorical grant programs (including urban renewal, which had existed as a separate program since 1949) and provides that most federal financial assistance for Community Development is to be allocated to units of general local government on either a "needs" formula or "hold-harmless" basis. Because of Berlin's participation in the Cole Street urban renewal project, the City is classified as a "hold-harmless" community and entitled to receive from the Federal Government approximately $620,000 over the five-year period ending June 30, 1979. (Because of its small size, Berlin has no entitlement for financial assistance on the basis of the Act's "needs" formula.) There is no requirement for the City to provide matching funds to receive its entitlement of $620,000, an amount which is only slightly less than the estimated total cost to the City of the Cole Street urban renewal project to June 30, 1975. An estimate of this cost is shown in an attachment to this report. Also shown in this attachment is how this estimate of cost compares to the one made in April, 1968.

PUBLIC HOUSING

During 1974, there was a change in occupancy in only four of the 55 public housing units managed by the Authority. At year's end there were some 100 applicants on the waiting list for an apartment and the average monthly rent being collected from the Authority's tenants was less than $52.50. Included in the monthly rent are heat, hot water and electricity.

In 1975, the Authority plans to propose methods of: (1) Increasing the number of low-rent units available to the low-income elderly and; (2) providing housing assistance to the non-elderly, low-income families of the community.

COLE STREET PROJECT BALANCE SHEET (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974)

ASSETS

Cash		
Cash in Bank	$ 107	
Petty Cash	50	$ 157
Investments Held		
U.S. Treasury Bills		60,000
Project Costs		
Item 1 Costs	$2,230,703	
Less: Value of Land Sold	162,850	
Net Project Costs (Item 1 Costs)	$2,067,853	
Noncash Local Grants in-Aid (Item 2 Costs)	124,464	
Total Project Costs		$2,192,317
Relocation Payments		152,030
TOTAL ASSETS		$2,404,504

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

LIABILITIES

Accounts Due		
Accounts Payable	$ 1,424	
Notes Payable		
To Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y.	595,000	
Accrued Interest Payable		
To Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y.	11,755	
Total Liabilities		$ 608,179

CAPITAL

Local Grants-In-Aid		
Cash (includes real estate tax credits of $38,080)	$ 135,831	
Noncash (land donations; credit for new police station; parking areas P-1 and P-3)	124,464	
	$ 260,295	
Federal Capital Grants		
Project Capital Grant	$1,384,000	
Relocation Grant	152,030	
	$1,536,030	
Total Capital		$1,796,325
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		$2,404,504

AUTHORITY BOARD

Mr. Clarence M. Welch was re-appointed to the Authority in December. He has been a member of the Authority since 1963 and has served as its Chairman since 1965.

Clarence M. Welch, Chairman
Romeo E. Blouin
Romeo J. Boulanger
Albert E. Drouin
Robert R. Morin

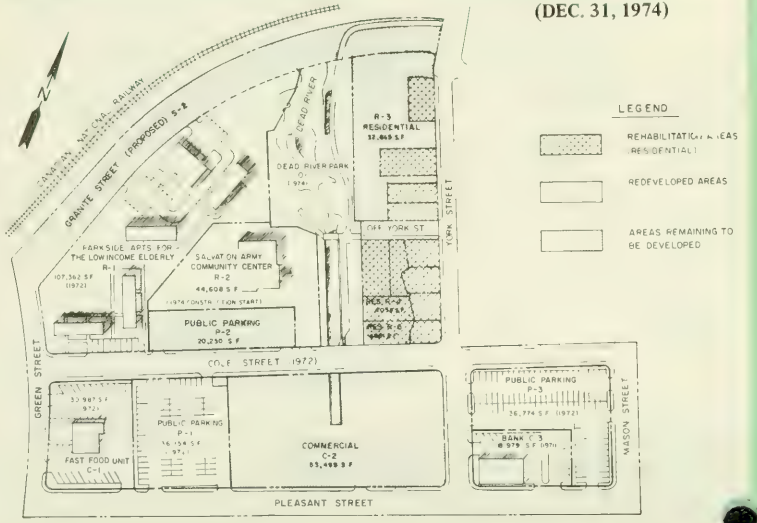
Donald Mangine, Executive Director

COLE STREET URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT FINANCING (ROUNDED TO THE NEXT $100)

IDENTIFICATION OF COSTS	ESTIMATED COSTS – APRIL '68	ESTIMATED COSTS TO JULY '75	INCREASE OVER SEVEN YEAR PERIOD 1968 – 1975
Net Project Cost	$2,265,500	$2,343,500	$78,000
Sharing of Net Project Cost			
Federal	$1,699,100	$1,757,600	$58,500
City	566,400	585,900	19,500
Net Project Cost	$2,265,500	$2,343,500	$78,000
Total Federal Contributions			
Share of Net Project Cost	$1,699,100	$1,757,600	
Relocation Costs .*	94,900	152,100	
	$1,794,000	$1,909,700	$115,700
Total City Contributions			
Share of Net Project Cost	$ 566,400	$ 585,900	
Cost of Portions of Improvements ineligible for renewal financing	42,900	61,700	
	$ 609,300	$ 647,600	$38,300

Costs shown on this sheet are estimates only. Final costs will be determined at time of project closeout.

COLE STREET URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT – STATUS OF REDEVELOPMENT (DEC. 31, 1974)



PUBLIC HOUSING BALANCE SHEET (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1974)

ASSETS

Cash		
General Fund	$4,542	
Petty Cash	50	$ 4,592
Advances – Revolving Fund		3,218
Investments		
U. S. Treasury Bills		15,000
Debt Amortization Funds		
HUD Annual Contributions Receivable		67,935
Deferred Charges		
Prepaid Insurance		1,875
Development Cost (Projects NH-11-1, 11-2)		1,288,156
TOTAL ASSETS		$1,380,776

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		$ 2,448
Notes Payable		1,161,000
Accrued Interest Payable		43,640
Total Liabilities		$1,207,088
Capital		
Operating Reserve	$ 20,887	
Cumulative HUD Annual Contributions	152,801	
Total Capital		$ 173,688
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		$1,380,776

MAYORS OF THE CITY OF BERLIN

HON. HENRY F. MARSTON	1897-1899
HON. JOHN B. NOYES	1899-1900
HON. FRANK L. WILSON	1900-1901
HON. FRED M. CLEMENT	1901-1902
HON. JOHN B. GILBERT	1902-1905
HON. GEORGE E. HUTCHINS	1905-1908
HON. FREMONT D. BARTLETT	1908-1910
HON. DANIEL J. DALEY	1910-1915
HON. GEORGE F. RICH	1915-1919
HON. ELI J. KING	1919-1924
HON. J. A. VAILLANCOURT	1924-1926
HON. ELI J. KING	1926-1928
HON. EDWARD R. B. McGEE	1928-1931
HON. W. E. CORBIN	1931-1932
HON. O. J. COULOMBE	1932-1934
HON. DANIEL J. FEINDEL	1934-1935
HON. ARTHUR J. BERGERON	1935-1938
HON. MATTHEW J. RYAN	1938-1939
HON. AIME TONDREAU	1939-1943
HON. CARL E. MORIN	1943-1946
HON. GEORGE A. BELL	1946-1947
HON. PAUL A. TOUSSAINT	1947-1950
HON. AIME TONDREAU	1950-1957
HON. GUY FORTIER	1957-1958
HON. LAURIER LAMONTAGNE	1958-1962
HON. EDWARD L. SCHUETTE	1962-1965
HON. DENNIS KILBRIDE	1965-1966
HON. NORMAN J. TREMAINE	1966-1968
HON. EARL F. GAGE	1968-1970
HON. NORMAN J. TREMAINE	1970-1972
HON. SYLVIO J. CROTEAU	1972-1975

POPULATION
(Federal Census Figures)

Year	Population
1830	73
1840	116
1850	173
1860	433
1870	529
1880	1,144
1890	3,729
1900	8,886
1910	11,780
1920	16,104
1930	20,018
1940	19,084
1950	16,615
1960	17,821
1970	15,256

CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

During the year, our Auxiliary Police Unit held extensive training at its field on the East Milan Road, which is leased from the Brown Company. Auxiliary officers were also participants in traffic control and other services required for protection and surveillance. The unit also held a state-wide target shooting competition. There have been four women added to the unit during the year.

Our local unit participated in the federal government's Personnel and Administrative Program, which reimburses 50% of the costs of our office administrative expenses. This program, however, does not include items purchased for the local training units. The report of our reimbursable expenses is made to our Concord office on a quarterly basis according to the federal government's fiscal year.

Mr. Ken Shields of the University of New Hampshire Education staff has changed his schedule of training classes regarding the Emergency Operations Center. He has decided that it would work out better sometime in September-October, 1975. As soon as he has a date set up, our office will notify all officials who are to attend. This is a work-shop designed to acquaint municipal officials with how to operate under disaster circumstances.

No decision has been made as yet about re-establishing the City's Emergency Operations Center which is still located in the City Hall basement. The federal survey concerning this has not been made yet.

We are still qualified to purchase various items under the Federal Surplus Property Program for our Civil Defense units. This program provides much savings on many items and heavy-duty equipment needed by the local units.

Roma E. Brisson, Director

(Berlin Reporter Photo)

NOVEMBER 1975

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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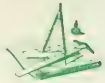
2	**3** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**4** Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. — Sup't's Office	**5**	**6**  Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**7**	**8**
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23 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **30**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** NO SCHOOL City Hall Closed — 1823 — First Families Arrive	**28** NO SCHOOL Thursday Garbage Collection Today	**29**

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

After the fifteenth year of the organization of the Industrial Development Committee, Berlin has entered a new era in its industrial development efforts. The City Council has hired a Community Development Director whose duties cover the fields of city planning and industrial development.

The most important accomplishment of the past year was that the City finally financed and built its first industrial building in the Maynesboro Industrial Park on the East Milan Road, a necessary tool in attracting new industries. The building was the first in the State to be financed by a municipality through the issue of bonds under a new state law enacted in 1974.

The rapid development of Granite Business Forms, Inc., the company which is purchasing the new building through paying off the bonds, has been very exciting. Granite Business Forms operated in temporary quarters last year before moving into the new building in January. The company now employs 22 people and is expected to employ over 50 in skilled and semi-skilled jobs by the end of 1975.

The expansion of Berlin Sportswear, Inc. was another exciting development. That company now employs 18 people and is utilizing its existing facilities to maximum capacity.

EMCA, Inc., which is now a division of Paper Sales Corporation, currently has expansion plans, including a land and building transaction with the City which is under negotiation.

Work on the Berlin municipal electric power project has progressed to the point that I.G. & T. (formerly TEPCO, Inc. of N. H.) has made initial application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for licensing a CANDU nuclear reactor in the Berlin area. This has meant a great deal of work, with large quantities of material and reports already submitted to the NRC for its initial review. I am personally proud that this city was among the first to recognize the capability of the CANDU nuclear plant. Noted American scientists were recently quoted in an article in the New York Times as saying that the CANDU had the record for 1973 and 1974 as the best and most environmentally sound nuclear plant in the world.

The City's industrial development efforts have been successful in other areas as well, as Berlin was able to obtain a federal grant of $30,000.00 from the Farmers Home Administration for the orderly development of the industrial park, indicating that the federal government is interested in our park plans.

The City has also worked to pass new legislation which will improve the industrial development laws, making it possible for more cities and towns in the State to finance the construction of more industrial buildings required to attract new industry.

The success of the City's industrial development effort also depends on a number of other factors. City beautification is one, and in that area the Brown Company has been the biggest contributor. Their extensive facelifting program this past year has been a big asset, as will be the completion of their anti-pollution program.

In the commercial field, the complete banking and computer services of the City's banks are an asset in attracting new industries.

In addition to our existing industry-oriented suppliers of machine parts, belts, bearings, and the like, two new companies have been added to the family this past year, giving us another asset. An electrical and plumbing wholesale supplier has opened on Main Street in Berlin, and an electronic supply and repair establishment has opened its doors in Lancaster. These will service our area and furnish needed supplies to our industries.

A further plus is the vocational training offered our young people by the high school and vocational-technical college. An innovative program in printing is now being established by the high school in which students can learn the trade on modern machinery furnished by Granite Business Forms.

The Industrial Development Committee wishes to thank other members of the City's industrial development team for the productive and enjoyable working relationship of the past year, including Mayor Sylvio Croteau and the members of the City Council, City Manager Jim Smith, Community Development Director Mike Donovan, and the members of the Industrial Development and Park Authority.

Funds budgeted to the entire industrial development program for the past year totaled $50,785.00, of which $50,589.61 was expended. This included $45,800.00 appropriated by the City Council for the new industrial building.

Robert Theriault, Chairman
Industrial Development Committee

ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION

The Berlin Electric Utility Commission has generally met on the third Tuesday of each month. At these meetings, the different aspects of the procurement of the Berlin Municipal System have been reviewed with consultant Frank Sahlman and John N. Harris, Vice-President and Project Director of IG & T Co., Inc. of New Hampshire (formerly TEPCO Inc.).

A current updated cost for the Berlin Electric Distribution System, including new construction and replacements, is being prepared by Public Service Co. of N. H. It has been requested by the Commission that the Public Service Co. of N. H. also include the present depreciated cost of the Smith Hydro Generating Station.

In November, 1974, Commissioner Bell, at personal expense, (and more recently the consultants) inspected the Ontario Hydro Nuclear Station at Pickering, Ontario where four CANDU nuclear units totaling two thousand megawatts set world operating records in 1973-1974. A similar CANDU Nuclear System is planned for the Berlin Station.

The initial application from IG & T Co. to build a nuclear station in the Berlin area has been submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

In accordance with TEPCO's contract with the City, the application to NRC provides for ownership by the Berlin Municipal as may be authorized by the City Council. The alternate power sites are the Brown Farm Site, which is the TEPCO Site as shown on the New England River Basins Commission Map, dated July, 1974, and the West Milan Site.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jacobs, Chairman
Oliver R. Bell
Oliva Morneau

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Community Development Department was established in December, 1974 in order to plan and implement a Community Development Program in the City of Berlin. The availability of large amounts of federal funds for community development was a significant factor contributing to the establishment of the Department.

The Community Development Department has drafted preliminary goals for the program. During the first program year, activities funded by the federal government under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 will work towards these goals:

1. Upgrading of Certain Neighborhoods.
2. Preservation of Other Neighborhoods.
3. Solution of Transportation Problems.
4. Revitalization of the Downtown Area.
5. Strengthened Economic Base.
6. Increased Housing Opportunities for the Elderly.
7. Housing Assistance for Low Income and/or Large Families.
8. Improved Community Facilities and Services.
9. Community Investment Plan.

During 1975 the Community Development Department will continue to work with groups such as the Planning Board, Housing Authority, and Industrial Development Committee to determine the City's community development needs and to assure that available state and federal funds are received and effectively used. It is hoped that, during 1975, the citizens of Berlin will become actively involved in all parts of the Community Development Program.

Michael L. Donovan
Community Development Director

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

I herewith submit my report as Overseer of Public Welfare for the year ending January 31, 1975.

All individuals who came to the Department for help were either aided, counseled or referred to another agency or to a Federal Program, whichever might be more beneficial to their needs, this in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Welfare Laws.

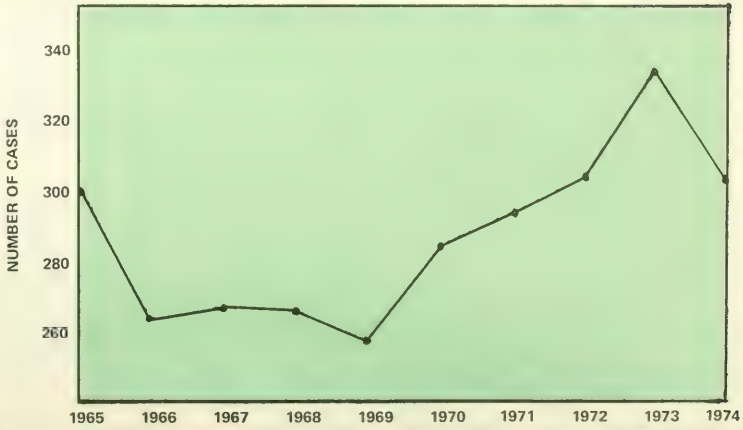
During the past year the Department aided the following:

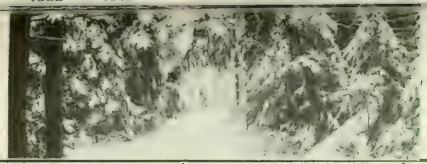
DIRECT RELIEF:	46 families with 178 individuals and 17 singles
SOLDIERS' AID:	29 families with 129 individuals and 3 singles
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:	139 Cases
AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTAL DISABLED:	68 Cases
For a total of:	302 cases and 534 individuals
Persons to office:	1487

Maurice A. Belanger
Overseer of Public Welfare

WELFARE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES SINCE 1965

WELFARE DEPARTMENT CASELOAD SINCE 1965





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PUBLIC WORKS 752-4450
WATER WORKS 752-1677

BERLIN NEW HAMPSHIRE 03570 *The City That Trees Built*

BERLIN WATER WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board of Water Commissioners
Berlin, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Manufacturing towns have always been known for large consumptions of water and Berlin is no exception. Last year, 1973, water consumption as measured through our main line meters totalled 1,217,832,400 gallons. This year meters registered 203,938,300 gallons less, amounting to total consumption of 2.78 million gallons of water per day, or 1/2 million gallons less per day than in 1973. Per capita consumption is therefore 173 gallons as compared to 207 gallons in 1973.

Climatological data for this area shows that precipitation is evenly distributed throughout the year and averages 36½ inches. For the past three years, averages have been better than 50 inches. This year the weather station at York Pond reported a total rainfall of 47.26 inches, very close to the last three years average. Snowfall, however, only amounted to 58.8 inches. Average snowfall for this area is 100 inches.

Chlorine used for purification purposes amounted to 10,000 pounds, 1000 pounds more than in 1973.

A referendum several years ago by the citizens of Berlin required that we fluoridate the City water supply. Nine thousand two hundred eight (9,208) pounds were used this year.

Twenty-seven new homes were added to the water system, most of which were of the modular type. Only six old service lines were replaced with new ones.

The Liberty Gardens project, composed of fourteen buildings containing one hundred twenty apartments and a recreational center, is well underway and will be completed early next year. Three thousand feet of 8-inch water pipes and four fire hydrants were installed in the area.

AMMONOOSUC WATER SUPPLY

Two million gallons of water per day may be taken from this source through pressure filtration using anthrafilt as a media. Presently the only treatment is chlorination and fluoridation. Much of the turbidity, but very little color, is removed during this process.

Full scale tests made during the summer of 1974 indicate that color and turbidity can be effectively achieved by direct filtration process using alum as a coagulant directly on the anthrafilt filters.

We are presently in the process of installing necessary equipment to accomplish this addition so that the plant will be in full operation during the summer of 1975.

PROPOSED ANDROSCOGGIN FILTER PLANT

In the summer of 1970, due to pressure from the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Commission, it was definitely decided to construct another filter plant and take water from the Androscoggin River and upon completion of the plant abandon the water of steadily deteriorating quality being used from the Bean and Horne brooks.

A site consisting of 15 acres, formerly Brown Company land, was purchased on the Thompson Farm. The consulting firm of Dufresne-Henry was engaged to prepare preliminary plans for the construction of a filter plant and pumping station with full purification treatment for the City.

On November 13, 1970, an application for a new filter plant and appurtenances was submitted to the Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD). On March 17, 1971, due to no local Regional Planning Commission being located in this area, our application was turned down.

On November 10, 1971, our first application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) was filed with the hope of obtaining a sixty percent outright grant. Finally, in the fall of 1974, a grant from the Federal Administration amounting to $1,429,200.00 was offered. Our additional share to be financed by Water Works income amounts to $1,800,000.00.

The project will include a filter plant, one pipe line river crossing and about five miles of twelve and sixteen inch water pipe. We hope to submit plans to bidders in early summer and complete the project in 1976.

The steadily increasing cost of materials has made it necessary to carefully scrutinize all expenditures.

Our income from water sales for 1974 was $261,992.42. Monies spent for maintenance and improvements totaled $246,156.80, leaving a surplus of $15,833.62.

The cost of living, as everyone knows, has risen to unheard of heights. Accordingly, wages and salaries have advanced proportionally. Labor demands and fringe benefits for 1975 will start off with a thirteen percent increase.

Constructive operation and improvements to our water system for 1975 will require immediate consideration for additional income.

The continued foresight of the Board of Water Commissioners in rendering decisions necessary to provide adequate potable water is commendable.

In closing, I wish to thank all City Departments and Water Works employees for their hearty support in performing the many duties necessary in the operation of such a vital service.

Ernest E. Tankard, P.E.
Superintendent

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

December 31, 1974

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council
City of Berlin, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Over the years we have been striving to bring the citizens of Berlin, New Hampshire pure, clean and palatable water.

As we have told you in past reports, our present water system is comprised of four separate sources; the Ammonoosuc River in the West Milan Area, Bean Brook and Horne Brook in the Success Area, and a deep well ground water pumping system located on Riverside Drive.

An average of one million gallons of water each day is derived from Bean and Horne Brooks in the Success area. These sources, which have been in use since 1890, are completely outmoded and have been condemned by the New Hampshire State Water Pollution Board. Access to these supplies is from the Success Pond road, which is heavily travelled by logging trucks, campers and many other types of vehicles.

To protect our supply in this area from improper use and pollution by the public is impossible. Since this presents a great potential hazard to the public, the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission recommends that these sources be abandoned.

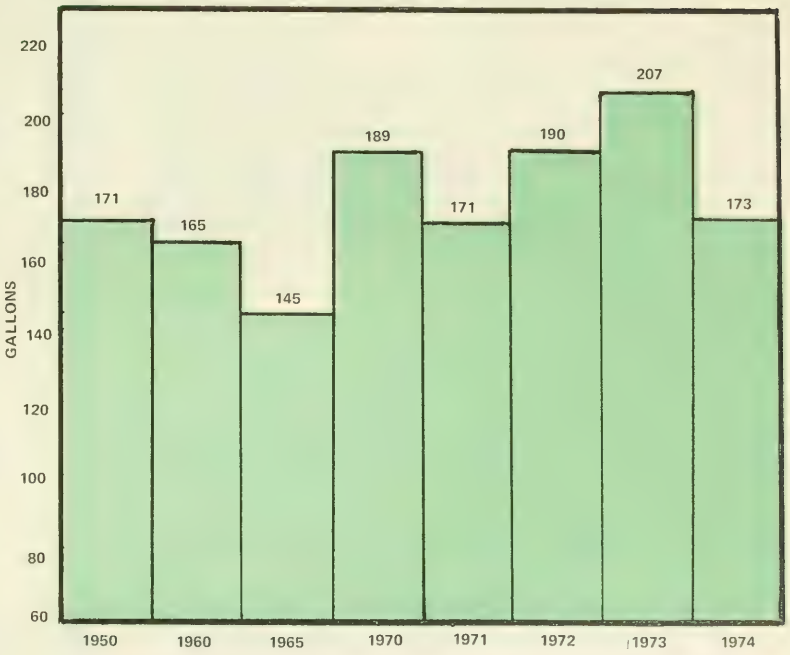
Your Board of Water Commissioners and your Water Works Superintendent have been in consultation since 1970 with the engineering firm of Dufresne-Henry Corporation on long range plans to provide our city with a pure and adequate water supply.

From these studies our plan is to construct a complete water supply and filtration plant, with plans to pump water from the Androscoggin River where an unlimited source of water supply exists to replace the Success water supply.

Plans and specifications are now being prepared by Dufresne-Henry, our engineers, according to the following schedule:

200 days to prepare Plans & Specs and submit to Economic Development Administration (150 working days)	June 10, 1975
30 days for Economic Development Administration to approve	July 10, 1975
30 days for New Hampshire Water Supply & Pollution Control approval	August 11, 1975
Send Notice to Bidders to Newspapers & News Letters	August 12, 1975
Open Bids	September 12, 1975
Completion Date in Contracts	October 12, 1976
Project Final Completion	December 31, 1976

BERLIN'S PER CAPITA DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION



Before closing this report, we would like to pay tribute to Mr. Edward Murphy, who died in September of 1974. He had served as our Commissioner from Ward Four since 1940, the longest term served by any Commissioner since the formation of the Department.

The loss of Mr. Murphy's advice, knowledge and counsel will long be felt in the department, and we, and all associated with him have lost a sincere member and real friend.

For further activities we refer you to our Superintendent's report and for financial standing to the Auditor's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Water Commissioners

Robert Gagliuso, Chairman
Eli Isaacson, Clerk
Richard Gunn
Romeo Theriault
Sylvio Croteau, Mayor - Member Ex-Officio

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

New equipment purchased this year included:

- 1 Truck (4-Wheel Drive)
- 2 Frink Snowplows
- 1 Chevrolet Station Wagon
- 1 Salt Body
- 1 Pick-Up Truck
- 3 Radios
- 1 Bench Saw - Jointer
- 1 Hough Loader - Backhoe
- 1 Parts Cleaner
- Exhaust System - Welding Exhaust

During the past year, several streets were sealed with hot asphalt under contract with L.M. Pike of Gorham. They are as follows:

- Nansen Street
- Strafford Street
- Coos Street
- Hutchins Street
- Duguay Street
- Sixth Avenue
- Third Avenue
- Finland Street
- Bret Street
- Ridgeview Avenue
- Howard Street
- Sweden Street
- Adams Street
- Madison Avenue
- Presidential Avenue
- Willard Street
- Liberty Gardens (Maynesboro Street)

The following is an overview of activities undertaken and work accomplished by the Public Works Department during the past year:

– The clearing of one mile of right of way to the Jericho Brook Recreation Area was completed this year. Also, all of the roadway was bulldozed and a good part of it graveled, and it is hoped that the road will be completed by the 4th of July.

– Repairs were made to retaining walls on Maple Street and Jeskey Lane.

– The Department took care of 213 calls for Spring Clean Up Week and 81 calls for Fall Clean Up Week this past year.

– As in the past, many signs were repaired or replaced and new signs were installed as needed.

– 44 Catch Basins were repaired or installed, and 22 new Manholes were installed.

– The maintenance of the cemeteries was carried out as usual.

– A great deal of maintenance and improvement of our City equipment has been accomplished this year.

– The Department also spent a great deal of time in the maintenance and repair of Public Buildings.

– New sidewalks were built on Willard Street and Madison Avenue, and a number of other sidewalks were rebuilt and resurfaced.

– The usual garbage removal was carried out during the year.

Maurice Wheeler
Acting Director of Public Works and City Engineer

JANUARY 1976

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Oliva A. Morneau

Certified Public Accountant

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The Honorable Sylvio Croteau, Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Berlin, New Hampshire

We have examined the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Berlin, New Hampshire as at January 31, 1975 and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the various funds of the City of Berlin, New Hampshire at January 31, 1975 and the results of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Certified Public Accountant

Oliva A. Morneau

May 8, 1975

ASSETS

CASH IN BANK	$ 56,827.72
INVESTMENTS - NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES	647,162.68
RECEIVABLES:	
CITY PROJECTS	15,728.41
SERVICES GENERAL PUBLIC	12,477.04
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN ROAD AID	152,410.61
TAXES - DELIQUENT	
PROPERTY - 1974	229,753.09
PROPERTY - 1973	849.92
SPECIAL WARRANTS	113.40
RESIDENT TAXES - 1974	18,110.00
RESIDENT TAXES - 1973	4,030.00
YIELD TAXES	208.52
TAX TITLES	16,090.45
U.S. GOVERNMENT - PROJECTS	78,542.24
U.S. GOVERNMENT - REVENUE SHARING	308,572.10
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,540,876.18

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

LIABILITIES:	
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS - CITY OF BERLIN	636,947.73
DUE FROM CITY PROJECTS	54,372.07
DUE FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT PROJECTS	123,992.59
SOCIAL SECURITY TAX WITHHELD	13,602.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES	828,915.23
SURPLUS:	
SEGREGATED FROM PRIOR YEAR'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR FUTURE EXPENDITURE	260,671.60
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	451,289.35
TOTAL SURPLUS	711,960.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	$ 1,540,876.18

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS REPORT.

CITY OF BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

OTHER FUNDS

BALANCE SHEETS

JANUARY 31, 1975

BERLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 12,604.52	
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	1,637.20	
	$ 14,241.72	
FUND BALANCE		$ 14,241.72
BERLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY - EDA PROJECT		
ASSETS - CHECKING ACCOUNT	$ 28,367.90	
LIABILITY - DUE TO GENERAL FUND		50,000.00
FUND BALANCE - DEFICIT		(21,632.10)
		$ 28,367.90
BRIDGE FUND		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 7,002.92	
FUND BALANCE		$ 7,002.92
CEMETERY TRUST FUND		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 58,632.34	
- CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	8,593.74	
- INVESTMENTS	5,833.32	
	$ 73,059.40	
FUND BALANCE		$ 73,059.40
PARKING METER FUND		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 13,924.50	
FUND BALANCE		$ 13,924.50
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND - 1969		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 18,487.25	
FUND BALANCE		$ 18,487.25
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND - 1970		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 11,386.35	
- RECEIVABLE FROM CITY OF BERLIN	100,000.00	
	$ 111,386.35	
FUND BALANCE		$ 111,386.35
REVENUE SHARING		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 65,851.49	
- RECEIVABLE FROM CITY OF BERLIN	289,591.42	
	$ 355,442.91	
FUND BALANCE		$ 355,442.91
SCHOOL BUILDING FUND - 1971		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 22,848.83	
- RECEIVABLE FROM CITY OF BERLIN	69,190.28	
	$ 92,039.11	
FUND BALANCE		$ 92,039.11
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 62.15	
FUND BALANCE		$ 62.15
SEWER FUND - 1970		
ASSETS - CASH	$ 43,635.14	
FUND BALANCE		$ 43,635.14

OLIVA A. MORNEAU, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

CITY OF BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 1975

	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED	(OVER) UNDER EXPENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
CITY MANAGER	$ 24,378.00	24,128.73	249.27
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL	13,175.00	13,168.01	6.99
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	4,315.00	4,310.56	4.44
CITY CLERK	1,620.00	1,793.13	(173.13)
CITY TREASURER	950.00	945.46	4.54
TAX COLLECTOR	2,950.00	2,902.47	47.53
ASSESSORS	6,250.00	5,417.90	832.10
LEGAL	4,800.00	4,800.00	---
ELECTION EXPENSES	14,000.00	11,520.31	2,479.69
CITY HALL & OTHER BUILDINGS	59,841.00	48,212.77	11,628.23
DISTRICT COURT	10,070.00	10,070.00	---
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	142,349.00	127,269.34	15,079.66
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
POLICE DEPARTMENT	372,175.00	355,835.56	16,339.44
POLICE AMBULANCE SERVICE	14,250.00	13,512.60	737.40
FIRE DEPARTMENT	302,744.00	289,706.44	13,037.56
CIVIL DEFENSE	3,000.00	2,866.55	133.45
INSPECTION SERVICE	450.00	353.50	96.50
STREET LIGHTING	51,000.00	51,562.26	(562.26)
PLANNING & ZONING	6,675.00	3,152.50	3,522.50
INSURANCE	195,500.00	186,470.32	9,029.68
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	945,794.00	903,459.73	42,334.27
SOCIAL SERVICES:			
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	40,531.00	40,220.52	310.48
WELFARE DEPARTMENT	130,000.00	98,642.32	31,357.68
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	91,524.00	90,512.62	1,011.38
PUBLIC LIBRARY	15,635.00	15,633.94	1.06
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	277,690.00	245,009.40	32,680.60
EDUCATION:			
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	2,516,632.00	2,496,708.62	19,923.38
CAFETERIA	7,900.00	7,900.00	---
CHILD BENEFIT SERVICES	54,948.00	35,480.62	19,467.38
TOTAL EDUCATION	2,579,480.00	2,540,089.24	39,390.76
TOTALS (CARRIED FORWARD)	3,945,313.00	3,815,827.71	129,485.29

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 1975

	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED	(OVER) UNDER EXPENDED
TOTALS (BROUGHT FORWARD)	$ 3,945,313.00	3,815,827.71	129,485.29
PUBLIC SERVICES:			
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	846,029.00	832,569.95	13,459.05
AIRPORT	33,700.00	33,600.00	100.00
TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	8,622.00	8,614.26	7.74
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES	888,351.00	874,784.21	13,566.79
UNCLASSIFIED:			
SUNDRY	19,200.00	18,993.83	206.17
DISCOUNTS & ABATEMENTS	81,000.00	76,937.09	4,062.91
SOCIAL SECURITY & RETIREMENT	109,800.00	95,420.74	14,379.26
CONTINGENT	30,000.00	11,895.81	18,104.19
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	50,785.00	50,589.61	195.39
ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION	3,700.00	918.55	2,781.45
CENTRAL SERVICES	3,490.00	3,978.49	(488.49)
SALARIES & WAGES	247,828.00	243,509.27	4,318.73
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	545,803.00	502,243.39	43,559.61
DEBT SERVICE:			
BOND AND NOTE SERVICE	501,605.00	503,030.00	(1,425.00)
INTEREST TEMPORARY BORROWING	53,000.00	35,018.00	17,982.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	554,605.00	538,048.00	16,557.00
TAXATION:			
COUNTY TAX	174,356.42	174,356.42	---
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:	81,500.00	73,660.81	7,839.19
TOTALS	$ 6,189,928.42	5,978,920.54	211,007.88

OLIVA A. MORNEAU, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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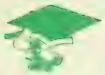
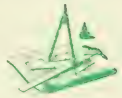
1	**2** GROUNDHOG DAY Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**3**  Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. - Supt's Office	**4**	**5**  Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**6**	**7**
8	**9**	**10** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. — City Hall Zoning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. — Granite St.	**11**	**12** LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall	**13**	**14** VALENTINE'S DAY
15	**16** WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CITY HALL CLOSED	**17** Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**18** Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 — City Hall	**19** Baby Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall	**20** — 1897 — Incorporation As City of Berlin	**21**
22	**23** NO SCHOOL WINTER VACATION	**24** NO SCHOOL	**25** NO SCHOOL	**26** NO SCHOOL Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall Industrial Development Committee 7:30 p.m. — City Hall	**27** NO SCHOOL	**28**
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THE EARLY DAYS

They came here for no good reason. They were farmers, those first settlers, and the land here didn't promise to be any better than what they already had in Gilead and Shelburne down the river.

But they were restless and independent, and the tract of wilderness now known as Berlin was the last place on the Androscoggin River untouched by the plow. So they came across the mountains of Success to start their own community in this place where no one lived.

That was 150 years ago and this was a rugged place, spectacularly beautiful, with the river running over rapids, chutes, and cascades for a full mile across the grain of the mountains, and falling over 400 feet altogether in the space of six miles.

The Plantation of Maynesborough, it was called, after the most illustrious of the English gentlemen to whom it was granted by the Crown in 1771. It was a hard place, but no one had to go hungry if they could make it through the long, cruel winters. The woods were full of deer and partridge, and the brooks and the river itself teemed with trout. And everywhere, as far as a person could see, stretched the towering stands of timber — pine and spruce and fir and birch and poplar seemingly to eternity.

Those first few who made the move from down the river found good farmland upstream from the falls. There the river ran calm and smooth and flowed through a valley that was wide enough to cultivate. A man named William Sessions was the pioneer, a man who is remembered for having cleared and started 13 different farms in his lifetime. He opened five acres of land on the east side of the river in the summer and fall of 1824 and came back in the spring of 1825 with his nephew to plant the crops and build a log house for his family.

Sessions could never have seen that the little farm he carved out of the Maynesborough wilderness would, 150 years later, become part of Berlin's first industrial park, or even that less than 75 years later a booming industrial city would have developed here. No one could have, though that is what happened, for in 1825 human beings were still trespassers on this part of creation.

As it turned out, Sessions didn't even stay long enough to see Maynesborough became established as the Town of Berlin before he moved on to his next farm. But others who followed him here did, including his nephew, Cyrus Wheeler. There are Wheelers here to this day. By 1829 there were seven families, with names that are still remembered in one way or another — Wheeler, Green, Thompson, Bean, Blodgett, Evans, Ordway, Cates. That year they incorporated their village under the name of the Town of Berlin, though no one knows anymore why they chose that particular name.

Over the next twenty years those people and the ones who followed them farmed the land, ran little sawmills, made their homes and raised their families.

There were no Browns among those first families. They, who more than any other people shaped the future of this community, came later. Not much later in years, but at the dawning of a new era which belonged to the business men and not the farmers; at a time when a far-sighted business man could see the mills and factories of a future day built up on the rock ledges along the falls and a city sprouting up out of the wilderness.

J.B. Brown, the first, was a business man, and it was 1851 when he and three others from Portland, Me., formed a partnership under the name of H. Winslow & Co. and purchased the privilege at the top of the falls. In the vast forests and the natural water power of the river they saw the makings of a successful lumber business.

They weren't the first to think of it. As far back as 1826 Thomas Green had built a sawmill on the very site they purchased. But in 1851, only 25 years later, it was suddenly a whole new ball game. For J.B. Brown and his associates knew the railroad was coming to Berlin, and that with the railroad there would be a direct line of transportation to Portland and market centers for the first time. No more long and arduous trips through the hills hauling lumber by ox team, and no more canal boats down the river. The railroad would be sure and swift, and with it a lumber business on a large scale could be profitable for the first time.

It reached Berlin in 1852, and that year H. Winslow & Co. began building their sawmill. They started operations in 1853, weathered a few bad years when the pine boom collapsed, and then began to thrive.

The turning point in the company's history came in 1868 when William Wentworth Brown and Lewis T. Brown bought the controlling interest, establishing the business in the Brown family. By then the outfit was known as the Berlin Mills Company, the name it retained until 1917 when business pressures caused by the war with Germany convinced the family to change the name to the Brown Company.

The business grew incredibly under them, and Berlin grew with it. Solely a lumbering outfit until 1888, by the end of the first decade of this century the Browns had the largest chemical pulp mill in the world (Burgess Sulphite) and what was known as the finest paper mill in the world (Cascade). And Berlin by then was a city — a wild and buzzing industrial center with a melting-pot population of nearly 12,000.

Through careful management, intelligent expansion, and some governmental assistance in the Depression, the Brown Company has remained the vital force in the city of Berlin to this day, well over 100 years since the company's humble beginnings.

The Browns are the only ones who lasted, but they weren't the only ones who realized the economic possibilities of the woods and the river of Berlin. In the days when this city was turning practically overnight from a backwoods outpost into a prosperous industrial center there were others equally important.

There was H.H. Furbish, who spent six years in a Pennsylvania laboratory perfecting the soda process of making wood pulp and then came to Berlin in 1877 and founded the Forest Fiber Company. A successful, thriving enterprise for a number of years after that, it employed enough people to give rise to a village within the city in the Willard and High Street area known as Fiberville.

But the development of the sulphite process in the pulp industry brought on the end of Forest Fiber, for the sulphite process could utilize spruce wood, which was less expensive than the poplar required for the soda process. Furbish's enterprise went under near the turn of the century.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY [illegible]

	REVENUE ESTIMATED	REVENUE RECEIVED	OVER (UNDER)
FROM OPERATIONS:			
CITY CLERK	$ 4,500.00	5,142.18	642.18
CITY HALL & OTHER BUILDINGS	9,000.00	15,460.66	6,460.66
DISTRICT COURT	12,000.00	17,299.87	5,299.87
POLICE DEPARTMENT	250.00	287.75	37.75
FIRE DEPARTMENT	200.00	433.51	233.51
INSURANCE	---	6,278.00	6,278.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	22,000.00	27,246.00	5,246.00
WELFARE DEPARTMENT	4,000.00	3,332.53	(667.47)
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS	200.00	63.20	(136.80)
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	156,360.00	203,745.51	47,385.51
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	12,500.00	14,571.00	2,071.00
DEBT SERVICE & TOWN ROAD AID	115,278.00	115,231.17	(46.83)
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	155,000.00	175,086.69	20,086.69
INTEREST INCOME	17,700.00	27,882.40	10,182.40
DOG LICENSES	1,250.00	1,705.40	455.40
BEANO LICENSES	500.00	1,425.00	925.00
RESIDENT TAXES CITY	---	4,187.32	4,187.32
HOUSING AUTHORITY	---	1,791.00	1,791.00
JUNK LICENSES	150.00	135.00	(15.00)
RESTAURANT LICENSES	400.00	285.00	(115.00)
SALE OF LAND & EQUIPMENT	---	8,525.40	8,525.40
OTHER	---	3,080.45	3,080.45
TOTAL FROM OPERATIONS	511,288.00	633,195.04	121,907.04
FROM STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS:			
REVENUE SHARING 74-75	435,717.00	435,717.00	---
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTED	998,095.00	998,095.92	.92
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS TAX	24,395.00	24,395.74	.74
SAVINGS BANK TAX	22,966.00	22,966.50	.50
NATIONAL FOREST LAND TAX	3,203.00	3,271.15	68.15
RAILROAD TAX	4,721.00	4,721.77	.77
ROOMS & MEALS TAX	76,396.00	86,712.66	10,316.66
HIGHWAY SUBSIDY	59,335.00	59,329.64	(5.36)
TOTAL FROM STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,624,828.00	1,635,210.38	10,382.38
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 2,136,116.00	2,268,405.42	132,289.42

The Glen Manufacturing Company, which opened the first paper mill in town in 1886, was another major factor in Berlin's rapid growth from a small town to a city. At the time Berlin incorporated as a city in 1897, Glen employed 500 people and was said to have the largest newsprint plant in the world, numbering the Boston Globe and the New York Tribune among those with whom it held contracts. International Paper eventually bought out the company and operated here until 1930, when the Depression crushed the paper industry and forced International to close the Berlin mill.

Berlin's population stood at only 450 at the time of the Civil War, a total which increased gradually for the next twenty years, topping 1,000 by 1880. Then it boomed. There were almost 7,000 people living here by the turn of the century and nearly 12,000 by 1910. The city didn't stop growing until the early 1930's, when the population reached a peak of over 20,000.

As much as anything, the story of the growth of Berlin was the story of the thousands of people who came here to live — French Canadians, Yankees from Northern New England farms, Norwegians, Italians, Irish, Russians. They all came seeking employment and a chance to make a better living, and they found it: In the sawmills and pulp mills and paper mills, and in the blacksmith shops and the machine shops, and on the farms, and in the stores, and in the railroad yards, and in the long winters' logging camps where a man would go into the woods in the frozen darkness before dawn and not come out until the sun had sunk into night.

And some of them found it on the Androscoggin when the ice broke in the spring and the trees cut in the winter camps were driven down river to the mills. Each year they guided thousands of feet of timber down the Androscoggin from Errol, through the Thirteen Mile Woods and Pontook, and on to where the piers built in the middle of the river separated the logs belonging to one company from those of its competitor.

The log drives have been a thing of the past for some years now, pushed to the wayside by the coming of trucks and a new utilization of hardwoods which don't float well. As the log drives became a thing of the past, so too did the once-familiar sight on the streets of the city of the rugged cork-booted men who made those drives. The piers still stand as a silent reminder of times past.

Many are the things which have come and gone — the farms, the small sawmills, some of the big industries, a cranberry bog in the Dead River swamp, the street cars, the Brown Store, even the Browns themselves. Orton B. Brown, the last of William Wentworth Brown's sons, passed away in 1964, and the company is no longer owned or operated by the Brown family.

Berlin is known as the city that trees built, and rightly so. But it was people who really built it, people who gave their brains and muscle and skill and time, and their love.

It was 150 years ago this spring that two men who wore homemade clothes, ate wild animals cooked over a fire and went to sleep while bobcats howled in the woods came here and built the first log house and planted the first crops. They and those who have lived here and worked here since then should not be forgotten. As we approach our nation's 200th birthday, it is a good time to remember.

— Jim Bradley

1974 BERLIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

MAYOR

Sylvio J. Croteau (D)	**2,620**
Robert R. Morin (R)	1,780

Ward 1

Croteau	752
Morin	438

Ward 2

Croteau	627
Morin	483

Ward 3

Morin	596
Croteau	574

Ward 4

Croteau	667
Morin	263

POLLING PLACES

Ward 1 — Recreation Building

Ward 2 — Berlin Junior High School

Ward 3 — Brown School

Ward 4 — King School

COUNCIL

Ward 1

Four Years		Two Years	
Donald R. Duquette (D)	**715**	**Yvonne Coulombe (D)**	**623**
Dominic Cellupica (R)	433	Robert Huot (R)	574

Ward 2

Four Years		Two Years	
Robert A. Olivier (R/D)	**861**	**John S. Sullivan (D)**	**618**
Richard Patenaude (Write in)	214	George L. Collins (R)	455
Norman J. Patenaude (Write in)	33		

Ward 3

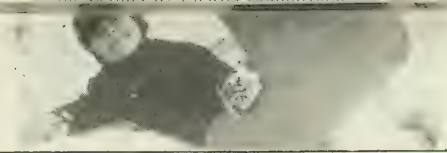
Four Years		Two Years	
Jimmie K. Poore (R)	**641**	**Thomas Fortier (R)**	**872**
Lorraine Mulroney (D)	506	Leonard N. Morel (D)	266

Ward 4

Four Years		Two Years	
Albert Theriault (D/R)	**861**	**Laurier Fortier (D/R)**	**839**

CITY CHARTER REFERENDUM

	YES	NO
1. Shall the City Council of the City of Berlin be composed of a Mayor elected at large and eight councilmen elected two from each ward as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**2,548**	**932**
2. Shall the Mayor and Council of the City of Berlin be elected on a non-partisan ballot as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**1,972**	**1,266**
3. Shall the City Council of the City of Berlin hold a regular meeting on the first and third Monday of each month as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**2,353**	**1,029**
4. Shall the Mayor receive an annual salary of $3200 as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**1,685**	**1,806**
5. Shall the members of Council receive a maximum annual salary of $700 per year as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**1,768**	**1,626**
6. Shall the City of Berlin Department of Public Works be placed in charge of all public works buildings and improvements such as streets, water system, sewer system, cemeteries and municipal properties, and the Berlin Water Commission be dissolved as proposed by the City of Berlin Charter Commission?	**1,654**	**1,896**
7. Shall the fiscal budgeting and accounting year of the municipal government of the City of Berlin be July 1 through June 30 as proposed by the Berlin City Charter Commission?	**2,615**	**662**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BACK TO SCHOOL Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**2** ELECTION DAY Pre-School Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall Board of Education 7 p.m. — Sup't's Office	**3** ASH WEDNESDAY	**4** Planning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall	**5**	**6**
7	**8**	**9** Industrial Authority 4 p.m. — City Hall Zoning Board 7 p.m. — City Hall Housing Authority 8 p.m. — Granite St. 1897 H.F. Marston Elected as City's First Mayor	**10**	**11** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall	**12**	**13**
14	**15** Council Meeting 8 p.m. — City Hall	**16** Housing Board of Appeals 7 p.m. — City Hall	**17** ST. PATRICK'S DAY Veterans Council Representative 8:30-4 — City Hall	**18** Crippled Children Clinic 9 a.m. — A.V. Hospital Baby Clinic 3 p.m. — City Hall	**19**	**20** FIRST DAY OF SPRING
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** Water Commission 2 p.m. — City Hall Industrial Development Committee 7:30 p.m. — City Hall	**26**	**27**
28	**29** Meeting of New City Council 8 p.m. - City Hall	**30**	**31**			

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PLANS AND CHALLENGES

Nineteen Seventy-Four was a bad economic year throughout the nation. Nineteen Seventy-Five may well be a year of even greater financial difficulties.

The Berlin city government faces the major challenge of finding a way to keep the tax rate down at a time when the costs of government — from energy, to materials and equipment, to salaries and wages — are skyrocketing. At the same time, we want to maintain as high a level of services to the citizens of Berlin as possible.

The present poor state of the economy puts even greater emphasis on the need to control government expenditures, as the costs of government are rising at a time when many citizens can not afford an additional tax burden.

In these times it is essential that we plan ahead and set our priorities so that municipal expenditures are made in those areas which are most important to the people of Berlin and to the City's future. Certainly some services are essential and should receive continued support at the current level. Other existing programs and services should be expanded and some additional ones initiated in order to respond to a changing society.

There may, however, be expenditures which are desirable but non-essential, at least in light of present conditions. These decisions must be made, and in order to make them, those who serve in the municipal government need to have the input of the public. This input is both a basic right and a basic responsibility in a democratic society.

There are a number of areas which we plan to emphasize in 1975 and the coming years. A top priority area is industrial development. We stand ready to assist any existing industry or any new industry which wishes to grow with Berlin in the future. We currently have several excellent prospects for new industry in the City, and we will continue to work with their representatives through the year in the expectation that they will make a positive decision to locate operations in Berlin if the economy improves as is predicted in late 1975.

From experience we have found that a prime requisite in attracting new industries is to have suitable facilities available in which they can set up operations. The City's first industrial building in the Maynesboro Industrial Park was completed this past year and is now fully occupied. We will need to construct more such facilities in the future.

In order to facilitate the construction of additional buildings, the City has applied for federal grants to aid in installing water lines, sewer lines, storm sewers, and internal access streets in the Industrial Park. Preliminary applications have been favorably received by federal agencies, and upon final approval of the grants, which we expect to obtain, we will be able to fully develop two-thirds of the land area available in the park.

In addition to working for further industrial development, we would also like to see the City realize more fully its potential as a regional commercial center. In this regard, the new Community Development Department has obtained commitments of federal money to aid in the revitalization of the downtown area.

Certain other physical improvements are necessary in order for Berlin to remain an economically and socially viable community. One is to improve the City's water quality. The Berlin Water Authority has received a grant from the Economic Development Administration which will aid in the cost of constructing a new water filtration plant. Design work on the new plant, which is to be located in the Maynesboro Industrial Park, is expected to be completed in mid-1975, with construction to start later in the year.

Another need is to improve our sanitary waste disposal system. A contract was signed with consulting engineers to prepare the final plans and specifications for a new waste water treatment plant in 1974. It is now expected that the design for a system to separate waste water from storm water and to treat the waste water in accordance with national environmental standards will be completed in 1976 so that construction on the project may start in 1977. The plant is expected to be in operation by 1979.

We will also continue to work to improve the City's transportation network. With improvements to the Airport, construction of the new Twelfth Street Bridge, and the start of the relocation of Hutchins Street on the East Side, we made much progress in this area in 1974. On the negative side, an unfavorable Civil Aeronautics Board decision resulted in the cancellation of commercial passenger service at the Airport. Negotiations are currently underway to attract a new commercial carrier, and we hope that commercial service will return in 1976.

We received the results of a two-year study on the relocation of State Route 110 through the City in 1974, and will continue work on planning its relocation this year. Though there is probably no ideal way to relocate Route 110 through the City, the need to eliminate heavy truck traffic from its present circuitous route through residential areas is obvious. We look forward to building a consensus on the best possible solution to the problem this year and to seeking sources of funds to implement it.

The Recreation Department, which worked toward completion of the new Jericho Lake Park this past year, has drawn plans to develop Horne Field into a recreational park. Located just north of the Berlin Mills Bridge on the East Side, the proposed park would include facilities for tennis, picnicking, ice skating, hockey, and boating, along with open play areas. A Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation grant is now being sought for the acquisition and development of Horne Field.

The Department has also been working with the State Department of Resources and Economic Development and members of the Nansen Ski Club to redevelop the Nansen Ski Jump area as a Nordic Center. Acquisition of the additional land needed for the project and some construction are expected to take place in 1975. The Center will be a focal point of cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails in the winter, in addition to ski jumping. In the summer it will be a picnic area, complete with a boat launching ramp on the river.

Though 1974 was a difficult financial period, it was also a year of progress for the City of Berlin. As we move into 1975 and beyond, our challenge is to develop the local economy, broaden the tax base, increase job opportunities, particularly so that more of our young people will be able to stay and build their lives here if they wish to, and to improve both the standard of living and the quality of life. We look forward to more progress in 1975.

James C. Smith,
City Manager

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FIRE ALARM BOXES

FIRE CALLS NO. 1

1 Chief's Call
12 Sweden and Eighth Sts.
13 Main and Seventh Sts.
14 Main St. and Brown Ave.
15 Main and Second Sts.
16 Guilmette and Summer Sts.
17 Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Main St.
18 Spring St. and Hillside Ave.
19 Main and Cambridge Sts.
112 Burgess Time Office
121 Burgess Log Pile
122 Norway and Fifth Sts.
123 Main and Eighth Sts.
124 Brown School and Norway St.
131 Riverside Mill rear Burgess Mill
161 Cedar and Summer Sts.
163 Upper Hillside Avenue
164 Jordan Avenue
165 Highland Park Ave.
171 St. Regis Academy, Main St.
172 Success and School Sts.
173 A. V. Hospital, School Street

FIRE CALLS NO. 2

2 Test or under control
21 Prospect St.
22 Willard and Pine Sts.
23 High St. and Hillside Ave.
24 High and Pleasant Sts.
25 Main and Mason Sts.
26 High and Portland Sts.
27 Willard and Emery Sts.
28 Blanchard St. and Hillside Ave.
29 Granite and Mason Sts.
213 Tube Mill, No. 7 Gate
221 Rear of Ware Knitters
223 Marston School and Pine St.
224 York and Cole Sts.
225 Pleasant St.
226 Urban Renewal and Cole St.
227 Willard and River Sts.
231 Chemical Mill
241 New Berlin High School
242 Berlin Jr. High School
261 Church and Noyes Sts.
262 Upper Church Street
263 Portland St., upper end
264 Lincoln Ave.

FIRE CALLS NO. 3

3 Recall of men off duty
31 Main St. — Public Service
32 Green Square
33 Central Fire Station
34 Green St. and First Ave.
35 Cross Machine Shop
36 Mechanic St.
37 Glen Ave., and Watson St.
38 Park St. and Madison Ave.
321 Cascade Mill

FIRE CALLS NO. 4

41 Clark St. and Second Ave.
42 Madigan St. — Third Ave.
43 Wight St. — Fourth Ave.
44 Western Ave.
45 Mt. Forist St.
46 Western Ave., middle of
47 Western Ave., lower end
48 Western Ave., and Williams St.
49 Cascade St. and Wentworth Ave.
412 Mt. Forist and Third Ave.
421 Wight and Duguay Sts.
422 Jolbert St and Fourth Ave.
423 Madigan St. and Fourth Ave.
424 Morneau Warehouse
431 Granite State Rubber Co. No. 2 Plant
432 City Garage
433 Adley's Terminal
435 Granite State Rubber Co. No. 1 Plant
436 Granite State Rubber Co. No. 1 Plant
437 Granite State Rubber Co. No. 1 Plant
444 Second Ave. and Hill St.
451 Bartlett School
452 First Ave., lower end
453 Second Ave., and Laurel St.

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5 Kent and Derrah Sts.
51 Burgess and Thomas Sts.
52 Goebel St.
53 Burgess and Grafton Sts.
54 Coos and Sullivan Sts.
55 Entrance to Forbush Park
56 Napert Village and Gauthier St.
57 Forbush Ave. and Trudel St.
511 Hutchins St. Wood Pile
512 Rear of U-DRIVE-IT
513 Bridge and Rheims Sts.
521 Burgess St., lower end
522 Champlain and Thomas Sts.
531 Grafton and Lancaster Sts.
532 Grafton and Kent Sts.
533 Hillsboro and Merrimack Sts.
534 East Mason and Hillsboro Sts.

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6 Top of Hillside Ave.
61 Hutchins and Sully Sts.
62 Verdun and Argonne Sts.
63 Countryside and Walsh Sts.
612 Hutchins St. Junk Yard
613 Pepin Trailer Park

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7 School and First Sts.
72 St. Vincent de Paul
721 Replacement Box

FIRE CALLS NO. 8

8 Norway and Tenth Sts.
81 Norway and Twelfth Sts.
82 Riverside Drive and Noury Sts.
83 Vocational College

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9 Seventh and Sweden Sts.